Sheep watch

Group to be extra vigilant after spate of attacks

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A daff-t mutt

Pet labrador in trouble as it devours owner's daffodils



Higgins' hopes

DK look to future with eyes on promotion

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Officers round up more than **155 horses**

MORE than 155 horses have been rounded up from the streets of Dudley since a pilot project run by police began in the town, officers

say.

The campaign, which began a year ago, has been hailed a success by police chiefs.

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Specialist teams have removed 159 horses from busy roads around the borough since the project began in April last year.

The number of calls about the roaming animals has also dropped with fewer sightings of the roaming horses reported to council bosses, police said.

New measures to help control wandering horses were introduced following complaints from residents about the animals running out in front of cars and trampling through gardens.

Police began responding to calls from the public after Dudley Council found an ancient by-law giving them the power to remove the animals from roads in the borough. Many have been taken in from Brockmoor and Pensnett.

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Sgt Cliff Tomkinson, who Sgt Cliff Tomkinson, who has been leading the project, said the problem had been "much bigger" than was first thought and officers had been shocked by the number of horses collected.

Pupils sing for hospice SCHOOLCHILDREN in

SCHOOLCHILDREN in Dudley helped to raise more than £100 for charity at a supermarket performance.
Pupils from Jesson's CE Primary School's sang tunes at Tesco Burnt Tree last weak

Their performance included Adele's Rolling in the Deep, Stevie Wonder's Superstition and Take That's Kidz.

That's Kidz.

The children collected more than £100 from shoppers during the 50-minute event which will be given to Compton Hospice, Wolverhampton.

'HONEYPOT' VANS FO CATCH THIEVES

by Heather Large

POLICE are using honeypot-style tactics with undercover cars and vans to catch thieves following an increase in vehicle crime in Dudley. Officers say there has been a rise in the number of work vans targeted by raiders who are stealing high value power tools and equipment to sell on.

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The "capture cars and vans" are painted with a DNA substance which leaves an invisible fluid on clothes to help identify thieves who tamper with the vehicles. Police are also steeping up patrols in the borough and visiting known thieves to make sure they are obeying court orders. They are warning vehicle owners not to leave belongings on display in their cars or vans as this could attract the attention of thieves.

Dudley's Detective Chief Inspector Andy Parsons said: "We have seen a slight increase in vehicle crime across the borough where vans have been targeted and work tools have been stolen.

"We are investigating where the stolen property is being sold, particularly power tools, and I would ask the public to call us if they have been offered any goods which they might suspect to be stolen.

"If you have been offered any deals which you think are too good to be true, or you know who might be involved in these crimes, please get in touch with us," he will be a property in the property in the property is being sold, particularly power tools, and I would ask the public to call us fit they have been offered any goods which they might suspect to be stolen.

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Valuable

"I'd like to remind all motorists to ensure they lock their vehicle and take out any valuable items to reduce the risk of

amy valuable items to reduce the risk of theft.

"Even though we saw a decrease in vehicle crime last year, we can not become complacent and must continue to remain vigilant," he added.

vigiant," he added.

Police recommend fitting alarms or immobilisers to cars and vans, using garages where possible, removing high power tools and equipment from parked vehicles and never leaving valuables in the glove box as this is the first place thieves look.

The borough has also been hit by thieves ripping catalytic converters from parked

More than 140 "cats" were stolen last year and police launched Operation Boss Cat to try to stop opportunistic thieves targetting vehicles left on the roadside.

room where they tried to bleach and dry the stash. But, after that failed and made the cash impossible to pass off in shops or banks, they toured the region's motorway service stations. They tried to change the notes for hundreds of pounds of £1 coins in change and gaming machines.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard how they were arrested near the M5 services at Frankley near Halesowen.

Prosecutor Iain Willis explained: "Bank notes had been stuck to the bathroom mirror to dry after attempts to take the dye off."

Dhaminder Sunner, aged 30, from Lea Road, Penn Fields, was jailed for one year and 10 weeks while Philip Ebanks, 26 of Eastfield Road, Tipton, got 12 months. Another member of the gang, Mohammed Zey-arrab, 25, from Westbourne Road, West Bromwich, who had also breached a suspended sentence, received 67 weeks behind bars. All pleaded guilty to converting criminal property. Officers also increased patrols and visited known scrap dealers across the area in a bid to deter thieves.

Walking tall for St George



Stilt walkers Lee Partridge, left, with Andrew Healey at the St George's Day parade

Rich vine ripened

ST GEORGE and the Dragon were walking tall during celebra-tions in Stourbridge in honour of the patron saint of England.

More than 1,000 people lined the streets to watch a colourful parade through the town.

through the town.
Featuring still walkers, Morris dancers, cheerleaders and a ukulele band, it started in Duke Street and went along Coventry Street before finishing by the Rye Market.

It was followed by a tea dance in the town hall and there was also street entertainment and a farmers market.

market.
Meanwhile, staff at
Stourbridge Library
set up a grotto where
story-telling sessions, craft activities
and face painting
were taking place.
There was also a
papier-mache dragon

to greet and enter-tain visitors.

Amy Shaw, from Dudley Council, said:
"It went extremely well. There was a fantastic turn out.
"The sun shape for "The sun shone for

the parade and peo-ple seemed to really enjoy the entertain-

ment."

● Patriotic – page 2

Delegation in talks to put case for **Dudley**

DUDLEY'S MPs joined leading councillors and officials for face-to-face talks with a Government minister to state the town's case for cash to help revive the high street.

The delegation travelled to Westminster to put the

to Westminster to put the case for Dudley to be made part of the pilot project inspired by TV retail guru Mary Portas.

Portas.

The town is vying with Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, Bearwood and Walsall to become one of 12 areas chosen to be part of the scheme. Each area chosen would be given a share of a f1million and take part in initiatives recommended by Portas to boost trade and revamp high streets.

Portas to boost trade and revamp high streets.
Dudley North MP Ian Austin said the talks with Grant Shapps MP, the minister tasked with reinvigorating high streets, had been very positive, focusing on how an improved retail experience in the town will marry with proposed new developments to boost tourism.
"It would show the importance of new ideas and new thinking to boost investment and help get the high street back on its feet," he added.

Mr Austin invited Dudley

Mr Austin invited Dudley Mr Austin invited Dudley South MP Chris Kelly, Dud-ley Council leader Council-lor Les Jones and other officials and developers to the meeting.

Spar springs up at station

THE NEW £7 million Stour-bridge Interchange is one of the first bus stations in the West Midlands to boast a national convenience store chain under its roof.

The Spar shop has created six new jobs at the station, which opened just off the ring road on Sunday.

Suzanne Page, transport operations and performance manager for Centro, said: "It's quite a coup for us." Spar has invested £85,000.

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GANG members who laundered £20 notes from a bungled cash-in-transit robbery by using coin machines at motorway service stations have been jailed.

The Black Country gang turned to the change machines after a "unsophisticated and disastrous" bid to remove the tell-tale dye from the notes, all but trashing a hotel room where they tried to bleach and dry the stash. But, after that failed and made the cash impossible to pass off in shops or

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Wartime romance lasted 70 years

Patriotic people parade

to celebrate St George



is pushing

to remove

bus lanes

BUS LANES in front of Dudley Zoo and the Black Country Living Museum could be permanently axed under new plans.

Dudley Council's transport chief, Councillor Patrick Harley, says the lanes "do nothing" to help traffic flow on roads outside the busy attractions.

The move is being considered in light of a £10 million regeneration plan to create a tourism hotspot involving

tourism hotspot involving the zoo, the museum and Dudley Canal Tunnels.

Councillor Harley says the authority is looking at ways to improve traffic ahead of the opening of the new £6m Dudley Archives building.

Lanes run either side of Castle Hill in front of Dudley are and the leadantle.

ley Zoo and the landmark Station Hotel from the junc-

tion of Trindle Road.

The second lane starts in
Tipton Road adjacent to the
new archives centre and the
Black Country Living
Museum. "If there are bus
lanes that serve a purpose
then fine – but otherwise I
think they should be looked
at again," he said.

Councillor Harley says he
will discuss the plans with

will discuss the plans with council officers and bosses at

tion of Trindle Road.

across the Black Country were emblazoned with red and white as tens of thousands took

part in parades to celebrate St George's Day.

Houses hung St George flags from windows, people donned fancy dress and patriotic songs were blasted into the streets as marches took place across the region.

In Stourbridge, more than 1,000 lined the streets to watch the patriotic parade.

Families enjoyed entertainment including a performance by singer Margine Mar

formance by singer Maggie O'Hara who led a singalong

O'Hara who led a singalong session in the town centre. A themed tea dance also took place at the town hall. In Kidderminster, stalls, games and music enter-tained crowds in St

games and music enter-tained crowds in St George's Park while scout groups staged a traditional parade through the town. A parade was also held in West Bromwich where it kicked off in Westminster Road just before 11am against a backdron of the

against a backdrop of the national anthem and the sound of vuvuzelas.

Government

Dozens of people wore fancy dress including 52-year-old father-of-two John Mortimer who went along dressed as a medieval

dressed as a medieval knight.

Mr Mortimer, of Harvest Road, Smethwick, said: "I don't care a lot for our government but I do care for my country. Anyone who thinks the event is provocative doesn't know what they're talking about."

A red and white flag was also flying atop the 11th century Dudley Castle which is within the grounds of Dudley Zoo.

Chief executive Peter Suddock said: "The raising

Suddock said: "The raising of the flag is part of a tradition at Dudley Zoo and we are all very proud to see it fly from one of the Midlands' best-loved landmarks."

of Dudley Zoo.

THEY married in wartime Britain three other generations of the family when taking a honeymoon was a pipe —their daughter, their grand-daughter

dream.

But Clifford and Audrey Shepherd say the love of their family over the decades has helped them reach a marital milestone.

Mrs and Mrs Shepherd, aged 91 and

MITS and MITS Onephrert, aged 31 and 89 respectively, who live in Sedgley, have celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary. They said they were blessed to mark the occasion with

three other generations of the family - their daughter, their grand-daughter and great grand-daughter. They were joined by daughter Jenny, grand-daughter Venessa and 14-year-old great-grand-daughter Rebecca for their anniversary earlier this month

this month.

Mrs Shepherd said: "We have stuck together through thick and thin and have always been there for each other.

"But of course our family has been

well."

The couple were both born and raised in Willenhall and they met after starting work at lockmakers J Legge & Co, Moat Street, Willenhall. They dated for three years before marrying at St Giles Church, Willenhall. Mrs Shepherd had been lucky to get the material for her wedding dress despite the tough wartime conditions as her mother Lily was a dressmaker.

a mission A YOUNG volunteer has returned to the Black Coun

Volunteer

James is

back from

A YOUNG volunteer has returned to the Black Country following a three-month visit to Palestinians in Israel helping young people learn new skills.

James Bright, of Beckman Road, Stourbridge, wanted to make a difference to the lives of young people less fortunate than himself and decided on the trip.

The 21-year-old, who is a former student at Pedmore Technology College, Stourbridge, provided English language and career workshops for young Palestinians.

He was also part of a national youth summit. Mr Bright worked with development charity International Service and one of their partners in Palestine called the Sharek Youth Forum.

The trip took place as part of the government funded

The trip took place as part of the government-funded International Citizen Serv-

International Citizen Service scheme which sends people aged 18 to 25 to the poorest parts of the world to help people there.

Alongside running workshops, Mr Bright and his team also got to travel around Israel in their spare time. He said the skills which he learned during the trip would also be of benefit to him in the future.

Firms record for borough

DUDLEY saw a record 58 new companies formed in new companies formed in March, according to new research. Company formations

formations experts Duport Associates said the number formed with registered offices in Dudley broke the previous monthly record of 56 set in March 2008.

March 2008.

"Dudley has always been an area for innovation," said managing director of Duport Peter Valaitis who said, whilst the West Midlands is experiencing a difficult period in recession, it's great to see Dudley showing entre-preneurial spirit.

Duncan Edwards

Bus is dedicated to Duncan

Dudley North MP Ian Austin and National Express operations director Simon Mathieson with the bus named in honour of Dudley football legend Duncan Edwards

A BUS has been dedicated to Dudley foot-ball legend Duncan Edwards at a ceremony held in his hometown. The new vehicle was unveiled at Priory

The new vehicle was unveiled at Priory Park, Dudley – close to where the former Manchester United star was raised.

A sign bearing Duncan's name has been fitted to the outside of the bus and an information display about his life and achievements inside. The bus will run from Dudley

to Oldbury, Bearwood and Birmingham every week as part of the 120 service.

National Express West Midlands said it had decided to name the vehicle after Dunhad decided to name the vehicle after Dun-can to honour his achievements. Duncan died, aged 21, in the 1958 Munich Air Dis-aster. The bus dedication was unveiled by Dudley North MP Ian Austin. Mr Austin said: "I think he should be an inspiration to every young person."

Real ale festival

THE KIDDERMINSTER sub-branch of Camra is staging the Stourport Beer Festival next month.

It will run from May 25 to 27 at Stourport Boat Club's Boathouse in Riverside. Up to 30 different real ales will be featured along with a raf-fle for Kemp Hospice.

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Museum plans hit by delay

THE START of work on a long-awaited new £5 million glass museum has been delayed until next year as funding has not yet been confirmed.

confirmed.

Developers are applying for a £2 million European grant for the attraction, which will house the region's collections on the site of the old Stuart Crystal glassworks in Wordsley.

But they must find the remainder of the cash from other sources, including the

other sources—including the Heritage Lottery and dona-tions from members of the public.Work is not expected

public.Work is not expected to start until spring.
Developers have admitted the project has been held back for longer than they hoped.
A fundraising drive has been launched by the British Glass Foundation – a charity set up to spearhead plans.
Bosses are also looking into possible Government grants to boost the scheme, which is expected to attract more than 500,000 visitors a year.

year.

The process was held up last year when a huge blaze broke out in one of the old factory buildings, causing months of delays as bosses waited for an insurance claim to go through before repairs could be carried out.

Second hand shop booms

A FORMER midwife is seeing business boom since opening a shop selling second hand wedding and prom dresses for a fraction of their engine largers. of their original prices.

Owner Natalie Neale has

given up 14 years as a midwife to set up the Brides Revisited business in Wall Heath

Mrs Neale, aged 39, has sold 20 dresses since setting up less than a month ago and has seen an influx of customers offering their second-hand frocks.

She has also started catering for mothers of the brides

Downton display

MORE than 1,200 people have visited an exhibition of costumes from hit television drama Downton Abbey at Himley Hall in just over a

week.
Outfits worn by Mary,
Edith and Sybil Crawley and
the Countess of Grantham

The exhibition runs until June 17.

Foundation status bid on health services

AN ORGANISATION in charge of community health services in Wyre Forest and the rest of Worcestershire has launched a bid to be put among the best in the country. Bosses want to establish a Foundation Trust by summer next year.

summer next year.

It would give Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust greater control of its affairs and funding as it would not be directly controlled by the Government.

Bosses would have more freedom to decide how best to develop and improve local services and how they spend public money. Residents across the county would be allowed to apply to become members of the

trust and governors, with the ability to hold the newly-formed trust to account.

The community health services provide dental health assistance, help for people with learning disabilities, adult speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and podiature.

try.

People who sign up to become members will have a far greater say in how the services are run and how they are provided in the future.

There will also be the chance to stand for election as governors to sit on the council of governors which acts as a watchdog to ensure standards are met and suggest ways

to make improvements. The council also works alongside the health trust's board of

directors.
Chief executive Sarah Dugan said: "We're committed to achieving NHS Foundation Trust status as we believe it is the right thing for our organisation, our patients, service users, carers and the wider Worcestershire community.

"We would like local residents to sign up and become members of our organisation.

"We would like local residents to sign up and become members of our organisation. It's free to join and members will be able to learn more about what we do, as well as have the opportunity to influence the way our services are provided in the future and

Residents can sign up to become members

online by visiting www.hacw.nhs.uk or they can contact the membership office for an application form, or to find out more about the application process, on 01905 681425 or ftoffice@hacw.nhs.uk

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Meanwhile, staff at Worcestershire Acute
Hospitals NHS Trust are also working on a
bid to become a Foundation Trust. The
organisation is responsible for Kidderminster Hospital, the Alexandra in Redditch
and the Worcestershire Royal Hospital in
Worcester. Foundation Trusts are regulated
by independent watchdog Monitor.

Digging

in heels

on rules

over proposed new EU rules banning them from wearing high heels and

jewellery while in the workplace.

The proposed red tape making their hair curl would also order them to

what a "social dialogue" with colleagues – and cut the number of customers a stylist can deal with in

a stylist can deal with in a day to prevent "emotional collapse."
Quarry Bank salon owner Marcus Perkins said: "This is pathetic it's a bunch of men in suits in Brussels trying to dictate to hair-dressers

dressers.
"Telling women they can't wear high heels is like telling them they can't wear make-up," added Mr Perkins.

Mr Porkins owner of

Mr Perkins, owner of M&M Spa in High Street, Quarry Bank, added: "We just don't need useless jargon like this." Marie Brooke,

Marie Brooke, manager of Headstart in Lodge Road, West Bromwich, said: "I can understand saying hair-dressers shouldn't wear

high heels at work but

the rest of these proposed regulations are silly."

HAIRDRESSERS

in brief

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Country band play at centre

A BUNCH of "cowboys" is hoping to take lots of money for charity in a village near Stourbridge. Bev Pegg and his Cowboy Band will make

its annual appearance at Hagley Community Centre on May 16 for an Centre on May 16 for an event, organised by the Rotary Club of Stourbridge. Bev's six-piece band has established itself on the UK country scene. Their CD "Come Along Boys And Listen To My Tale" was chosen as CD of the month on UK Country Radio recently.

Fitness classes schedule laid out

NEW fitness classes are going to be held at Stour-bridge's Crystal Leisure Centre, Bell Street. Morning sessions start-ing between 9.30am and 12.15pm cost from £4.20. They include low

They include low impact aerobics on Mondays with legs, bums and tums sessions

and tums sessions on Tuesdays. Aquafit, bodyjam work-outs on Wednesdays, aero-bics on Thursdays and aquafit and body combat on Fridays. Various yoga classes run every morning from Monday to Friday.

Scout will get to see the Queen

see the Queen
A BRAVE teenager who
suffers from a debilitating
bone condition has been
invited to Windsor Castle
after winning a scouting
medal for his courage.
Explorer scout Ben
Hart, aged 16, of Pedmore,
Stourbridge, will take part
in the National Scout
Service and Parade on
April 29, watched by The
Queen Last November he
earned the Medal for Meritorious Conduct.

Fete is aiming to raise cancer cash

A SUMMER fete will raise money for Cancer Support Dudley next month.

Dudley next month.

It has been organised by
the charity's Skin Cancer
Group and aims to raise
awareness of how to stay
safe in the sun.

There will be stalls
selling at the event which
will run from 10am to 4pm
on May 12 at The White
House in Ednam Road.

Solar panels plan

THE Wordsley School, Brierley Hill Road has Brierley Hill Road has submitted a planning application to Dudley Council to fit solar panels to help cut down on its electricity bills.

Better transport needed to secure Waterfront's future

help safeguard the future of Brierley Hill's Waterfront office and leisure complex, says the president of the Black Country Chamber

of Commerce.
Schemes for new business hubs at the i54 on the Staffordshire/Wolverhampton border and in Darlaston are already winning plaudits for boosting business opportunities in the region.

But the Waterfront is Mr. Pennett who took over Statiordshire/Wolver-hampton border and in Darlaston are already winning plaudits for boost-ing business opportunities in the region. But the Waterfront is

struggling with big names says Chambe Paul Bennett. Chamber president

Paul Bennett.

He said Lloyds Banking group was among the most recent to pull out of the site.

"We have seen historically good occupancy levels at the Waterfront fall away, so we need to understand why the decline has happened and not only look at short term incentives but also more fundamental issues, such as better public transport links," he said.

A £5 million scheme to

transport links," he said.

A £5 million scheme to run passenger railcars on an existing freight line between the Waterfront and Stourbridge Junction station to link with mainline services to Birming-ham, Worcester and London is being considered

at the moment.

West Midlands Transport Authority Centro has

Cradley Heath solicitor Mr Bennett, who took over the role of president in April, welcomed moves by Dudley Council to introduce its own form of Enterprise Zone to the Waterfront complex and nearby Harts Hill area of Brierley Hill.

Concessionary

Under the scheme, businesses could be offered concessionary rates for cessionary rates potentially two years.

If fully occupied the Waterfront could hold up to 4,600 new jobs.

Mr Bennett said: "Busi-ess welcomes the initiative but the key challenge at the Waterfront is sus-tainability.

"This is all well and good

"This is all well and good if greater occupancy can be the catalyst for rapid further regeneration and particularly improvement in infrastructure."

Musical numbers show

A SELECTION of songs and performances from well-known musicals will be performed by members of a dramat-

known musicals will be periormed by members of a dramatics group at their next production.

Tipton ARTS will stage the event called The Ultimate Collection on May 24, 25 and 26 at Coneygre Arts Centre, in Sedgley Road, Tipton.

It will be held at the Coneygre Arts Centre, in Sedgley

Road East, Tipton, on May 24, 25 and 26 with all shi starting at 7.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 and £5.50.



Marie Brooke, aged 41, manager at Headstart hairdressers in West Bromwich, with salon staff, who feel the proposed new EU ruling over high heels are silly







CHOICE WINDOWS



THE irritatingly hunky and handsome Daniel Craig says in the next Bond film he will be swapping his trademark Martini for lager. Oh, please let it be

ABDEL Hakim Belhadj, once a rebel against Gaddafi but now a senior military commander in Libya, is taking legal action personally against Jack Straw to find out if Straw signed papers

allowing him to be handed over for torture. But Straw was merely home secretary at the time. His boss was Tony Blair. Is this the beginning of a process which will finally bring Blair to or a process which will infally bring Blair to make any mud stick to "Teflon Tone"?

TIPS for a particularly wet drought. If the hosepipe ban is introduced, do not put your hose away. You

may need it to pump out the cellar.

IN THE days when the Olympic Games were

about more than turning athletes into advertis-ing placards, there were categories to find the world's best writers, poets, sculptors and even town planners. This reflected the belief that mankind may excel in more things than running, jumping or beach volleyball.

There are hints that the London Olympics this summer may feature some innovative events. After the 2011 riots, the St Paul's tent city and the Boat Race disruption, it is reckoned that Britain now has some of the most successful protesters in the world. Activists are threatening to block the traffic lanes reserved for sponsors and VIPs. They boast of making the Games "unworkable." Freestyle urban disruption: I bet it's a damn sight more interesting than the dressage.

OUR changing language. Debauchery (traditional meaning) = "excessive intemperance, habitual lewdness". Debauchery (modern meaning, as applied by outraged headline writers to Simon Cowell) = 52-year-old multi-millionaire bachelor having girlfriends. They are consenting adults. Get

A QUARTER of motorists aged 17 to 24 admit using smartphones to read emails or use socialnetworking sites while driving, according to RAC figures. This proves that many smartphones are considerably smarter than their owners. Driving with a smartphone is like having a copper's nark in the passenger seat.

The moment the police stop you and pick up

our phone it will grass you up, telling them where and when you used the phone, who you called and how long you were online. Smartphones may be smart but they are not loyal.

INCIDENTALLY, loyalty cards are not loyal either.

THERE was a wonderful moment in Twenty-Twelve (BBC2) when Graham, Head of Infrastruc-ture (Karl Theobald) is explaining the average time spent by athletes in urinals to Nick, Head of Con-tracts (Vincent Franklin) and informs him that "tinkle time" is a recognised term in the sanitary world. "I'm not from the sanitary world," growls Nick. "I'm from Yorkshire."

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Thieves steal 83-year-old's jewellery

AN 83-YEAR-OLD Black Country woman was forced to hand over jew-ellery by thieves claiming to be gas officials.

The pensioner was in her Dudley Port home when a man elaiming to Port home when a man claiming to be from the gas board knocked on the door.

Once inside another three men joined him. It is believed the victim

the face of one of the thieves. Detectives are appealing for anyone who may have seen the men acting suspiciously in the area at the time to come forward.

The man who first knocked the door was white, in his 50s, around 5ft 7in, of medium build and with short hair. Dc Stuart Snelling said: "These incidents are very rare and

ously hurt but was very shaken by the ordeal. We are appealing for anyone who may have been in the vicinity around the time of the inci-dent and may remember seeing four men in the area. One of the men may have received scratches to his face.

"Do you remember anyone who may have had unexplained injuries to their face? If you do, we want to hear from you. You may hold vital

prits."
The burglary took place on March
27 between 11.30am and 12.45pm.
It is not the first time bogus
callers have targeted elderly residents in the area in recent months.

Police revealed how two bogus callers had snatched the wallet of a pensioner and knocked him to the floor at his home in Wednesbury.

Butcher seeking to recoup his losses

A TRADER who claims to have been left thousands of pounds out of pocket after works outside his shop caused business to plummet has launched a bid for compensation.

Temporary traffic lights were installed along Quarry Bank High Street for a scheme to replace old gas pipes last month, sparking long traffic queues even at quieter times.

quieter times

quieter times. Work has since moved to side streets around the town but businesses along the street say they are still counting the cost of the scheme – although trade has now picked up.

Trader John Walker, who has run Hawthorne and Walker butchers for 35 years, said he was now seeking compensation for

seeking compensation for osses from National Grid

Transco. Mr Walker said in the first week the works were in place trade had dropped by more than £1,000 compared

more than £1,000 compared to the same time the previous year.

Mr Walker said he had lost too much trade and he wanted to recoup some of it.

National Grid spokesman Jane Taylor said work in the town was due for completion in around four weeks.

Shabby chic shop opens AN ENTREPRENEUR has

AN ENTREPRENEUR has returned to the Midlands after 22 years in Spain to open a shop, dedicated to arts, crafts and unusual shabby chic furniture.

snabby chic furniture.

Shop owner Diane Cadwallader has opened Pretty
Things in 39 Load Street,
Bewdley, which dates back
360 years.

Businesswoman Ms Cadwallader has transformed

wallader has transformed the premises into a 'brows-ing treasure trove'.

The shop sells artwork, jewellery and handcrafts but also stocks one-off pieces of furniture.

During its colourful history it has housed a 17th century shoemaker and a public house.

Heroes helped A NIGHT of entertainment

A NIGHT of entertainment at Sedgley Conservative Club raised more than £500 for forces charity Help for Heroes. Members filled boxes with treats that went to troops in Afghanistan.

£7m bus interchange now up and runni

STOURBRIDGE'S new £7million bus station is ready to welcome its first passengers, heralding the start of the town's long-awaited regeneration programme.

regeneration programme.

The Stourbridge Interchange opened Sunday and is the first major development in the town centre for more than 20 years. The complex, with all the latest technology, paves the way for the next redevelopment project in the town – a £50million Tesco supermarket and shopping centre.

Among the features of the new station are information displays which show bus but train times – and a large

Forklift is

stolen in

burglary

lift truck and other items worth more than £10,000 from a garden centre near

Stourbridge. Bosses at Webbs Garden

Centre in Hagley say the loss of the forklift truck is snookering operations as staff are now having to manually carry compost

and other heavy items around the Kidderminster

"But the loss of the forklift means that we are snookered. "We're having to receive

steal more.

train times - and a large touch screen in the main concourse gives options for passengers to plan their routes. A Spar store will also open

A Spar store will also open there.
In the future, the displays will receive information straight from the vehicles to tell passengers when services are running late.
Built on the site of the town's old bus station the new Interchange will be a base for more than 30 bus services.

Encourage

Anthony Johnson, project manager for Centro, said: "It's an iconic building that has created a stunning landmark that should encourage future growth and development in Stourbridge." More than 300 people were involved in the contest that the stourbridge of the contest that the contest of the stour of the around the Kidderminster Road South site.

The raiders, two in balaclavas, escaped after being spotted by a West Mercia Police Community Support Officer, last week. Nick Baker, from Webbs' head office in Wychbold, Worcestershire, said: "It's good the police disturbed them before they could steal more.

struction, carried out by

Interserve.

There is plenty of work for the window cleaners, — with the combined glass in the walls of the buildings measuring 750 square metres, the equivalent of around three tennis courts. tennis courts.

The focal point canopy, is

"We're having to receive deliveries and transport compost and other items around by hand, which is disrupting the business until our insurance replaces the forklift." Mr Baker added that the firm is now stepping up The focal point canopy, is visible from Stourbridge ring road. The opening of the interchange is tinged with sadness for those involved in the project following the sudden death of Centro chairman Angus Adams, councillor for the Norton ward of Stourbridge. firm is now stepping up security at the site.



Ready for the official opening of the Stourbridge Interchange this weekend are trans-port operations and performance manager Suzanne Page, project manager Anthony Johnson and bus station and interchanges manager Angie Boulton



Stourbridge's £7 million landmark bus station, which opens on Sunday





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Contest to design a local flag

A CONTEST has been launched to find an official flag for the region – to be flown at the Black Country Living Museum in time for the Olympics.

The winning design that reflectst the Black Country will be added to the Flag Institute's UK Flag Registry and will be flown at the museum in Dudley.

The Parliamentary Flags & Heraldry Committee is

& Heraldry Committee is & Heraldry Committee is encouraging communities and regions to develop their own flags to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.

Museum bosses say they are looking for a design that will "wave the banner for the region's unique identity, and its rich and diverse heritage".

Philip Tibbetts, adviser to the Parliamentary Flags and

Philip Tibbetts, adviser to the Parliamentary Flags and Heraldry Committee, said: "I am really pleased to see the Black Country Living Museum championing the whole region with this competition and I know this will ensure the best result.

The deadline for entries is June 10 and entry forms are available online and from the museum admission desk. The top six will be put to a public vote between

to a public vote between June 18 and July 6.

The winner will be announced on July 14.

Carers get cash advice

YOUNG carers from Dudley have been getting to grips with their personal finances with the help of a money management course.

management course.

Dudley Young Carers provides young people aged eight to 18, who are caring for a member of their family, with practical and emotional support.

As part of this, the project ims to improve the young eople's financial skills people's financial skills through the Barclays Money

through the Barclays Money Skills programme.
Action for Children is working in partnership with Barclays to deliver Barclays Money Skills to young people who may be strug-gling to manage their finances.

Sounds of soul

A NORTHERN soul and motown night will be held at Dudley Concert Hall next

month. Six DJs will be spinning the discs from 8pm at Dudley Concert Hall on May 12. Tickets are available from the box office on 01384 812812.

Brian's view of Black Country going to China



THE WORK of a photographer from Dudley will be taking a view of the Black Country to Beijing following a successful exhibition in Paris.

successful exhibition in Paris.
"The Black Country", by Brian
Griffin, who grew up among the factories of Lye, near Stourbridge, will
run at the Three Shadows Photography Art Centre in Bailing late." Art Centre in Beijing later this

nonth.

It has already been displayed at the
College des Bernardins in Paris
before runs in Walsall and Birming-

the summer.

the summer.

Images include the Earl of Dudley, Black Country food, speedway racing, the local pub, the family cat and his early years as a choirboy.

Mr Griffin, now based in London, will lead a tour of the exhibition on June 4. Family photographs and his written accounts of childhood accompany the shots.

"Growing up in the Black Country was the best thing that ever happened

tion by Francois Hebel the director of the les Rencontres d'Arles. The work will then tour China over the summer.

to me", said Mr Griffin, aged 62, who was born in Birmingham but spent is childhood in Stocking Street, Lye. "This is a proud moment so lets

his childhood in Stocking Street, Lyc.
"This is a proud moment so lets
hope Birmingham and the Black
Country can capitalise upon it.
"I offer my thanks to everyone that
in some way has supported this
project and especially to the College
des Bernardins, who initiated it, and
made this journey possible."
He is now renowned for his portraits of musicians, actors, political
figures and the business community.
But it is his early years that have

ries were everywhere, even surround

ing my school," he said.
"If I opened my bedroom net curtains, sometimes the night sky would be glowing red from the furnaces of Round Oak Steelworks in Brierley Round Oak Steelworks in Brierley Hill. Beyond the steelworks was Dudley Castle, the former home of the Earls of Dudley. Mum and Dad used to say that everything was the Earl of Dudley's," added Mr Griffin. The pictures in his exhibition focus on factory workers and depict the Black Country through a child's eyes.

in brief

150 homes plan is given backing

UP TO 150 homes look set to be built near an indus-trial estate in Stourbridge despite an outcry from residents and businesses. The plans have sparked

concerns from nearby businesses which have claimed the development would be a "recipe for dis-

aster".

The land on the Sunrise
Business Park site
includes Sunrise Medical
Ltd. The proposals have
been recommended for
approval.

The land in High Street,
Wolleston paighbours

Wollaston, neighbours both the River Stour and Stourbridge Canal.

Town is hosting country festival

A WORCESTERSHIRE town is hosting an annual, free, two-day festival cele-brating the sounds, styles brating the sounds, styles and dances of country music. The Country and Western Festival will be held on August 18 and 19 at Riverside Meadows, Stourport.

Events will run from noon until 8pm on the Saturday and 10am to 5pm Sunday. For overnight camping apply to Alison.bakr@wyreforestdc.govuk

stdc.gov.uk

Ascot ladies day to aid hospice

WOMEN can enjoy the glamour of Ascot at a lunch for a Midlands hospice. It will take place at the Dormy House Hotel at Willersey Hill, Broadway, for St Richard's, Worces-ter.

for St Richard's, Worces-ter.

The fundraiser will be on June 21 and there will a big screen showing the tel-evised racing from Ascot. Guests are encouraged to dress to impress. dress to impress. Call 01905 763963.

Library will shut to get spruce up

A LIBRARY in Halesowen will close for two weeks while it is redecorated.

Self-service machines will be installed at Long Lane Library while work takes place between April 23 and May 5.

Other improvements include new tables for people studying, soft seating areas and new

Auditions date

STOURBRIDGE Pan-tomime Company is holding open auditions at St Thomas's Church Hall in Market Street on May 3.

To book an audition call 01384 404266.

Rural watch is set up after spate of attacks on sheep

a rural watch group after a spate of attacks in which sheep have been killed or left with their legs tied up. Gunshots have been heard at night and fences stolen in the crime wave hitting the countryside in an area bordered by Stourbridge, Halesowen and Kidderminster.

£12,000 is donated to

A DUDLEY charity has been boosted by a £12,000 donation from events during the last year at the Merry Hill shopping

Rollercoasters, which looks after 40 children with physical and learning dis-abilities, was the centre's chosen charity in 2011 – and will be supported again this

The £12.387 total came from events including the Big Bear Bash, the largest two-day outdoor family festival in the Midlands, and a ball at the Copthorne

Hotel in Brierley Hill.

The funding raised will go towards the charity's activities which include ice-skating, farm trips and sensory work-

shops.

The money raised will also help pay for staff training, nurses and wheelchair accessible buses which transport people to

accessible bless which transport people to the activities. Kelly Reed, marketing manager at Merry Hill, said: "We would like to say a big thank you to everybody who attended our charity events last year as they helped us to make such a generous donation to

us to make such a generous donation to Rollercoasters."

Joanne Campbell, head co-ordinator at Rollercoasters, said: "We are absolutely overwhelmed by the amazing support shown by the Westfield team.

"The donation will pay to train our staff and volunteer team to enable us to provide the safe, quality specialist care that is essential."

At least six sheep have been found dead, some savaged with bite wounds. On three other occasions lambs have been found left by gates with their legs bound ready for collection.

gang of around five poachers with torches was spotted near sheep on one occasion but when challenged by a farmer they ran off.

they ran off.

It is thought sheep are being taken to feed terriers or "blood" them to give them a taste for illegal poaching.

Police have launched extra patrols in the area and farmers in Broome, Clent, Romsley, Blakedown and Chaddesley Corbett have set up Rural Watch in a bid to end the disturbing incidents, which started about a month ago.

Distressing

"It's very distressing when you've bred sheep from birth to find them dead or tied up," said Stuart Geggie, who farms in Romsley, near Halesowen.

Römsley, near Halesowen.

Mr Geggie found three sheep dead and
one ewe injured after a dog attack on land
he rents in the Pedmore area of Stourbridge, several weeks ago.

In a separate attack two of Mr Geggie's
ewes were left with their feet tied together.
Police called a meeting, attended by eight
farmers and landowners last week at

Police called a meeting, attended by eight farmers and landowners last week at Broome, when the Rural Watch was set up. "Rural Watch" chairman Ernest Lane, said: "There have been random incidents going on for about a month but then a nurse going home in Broome notified police when she heard shots fired about 10.30 at night."

Pe Andy Wallace, appealed for anyone

Pc Andy Wallace appealed for anyone seeing anything suspicious to contact police 101 or 999 in an emergency.

Walking in the bluebells

WARDENS at Bishops Wood Centre at Crossway Green, near Stourport, are hosting a guided bluebell stroll on May 6. It will run from 2-4.30pm and give people an insight into folklore of one of the UK's favourite plants. Call 01299 250513.



Sheep fears - Rural Watch organiser Ernest Lane with Councillor Ann Nation

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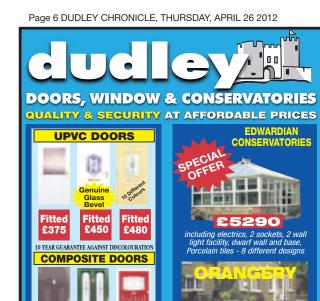


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National Express plan will find jobs for 1,700

MIDLANDS transport company National Express is looking to recruit 1,700 people in the region over the next three years.

over the next three years.

A new academy to allow employees to get qualifications in driver training, literacy and numeracy was also announced.

A total of 125 new jobs will be created. Other jobs will be recruited to replace roles that become free through retirement. The firm, which runs bus services and the Midland Metro, has launched a recruitment drive alongside JobCentre Plus encouraging more younger people and women to annly.

more younger people and women to apply.
National Express managing director
Peter Coates said the roles would include

Peter Coates said the roles would include bus drivers as well as new route managers, who will be responsible for improving the punctuality and reliability of services. "There are a lot of people looking for jobs across the West Midlands and I am delighted to launch this new agreement," he said.

Mr Coates was signing off the Routes Work agreement in a meeting with Minister of Work and Pensions, MP Chris Grayling, in Birmingham last week. The new academy was also agreed. was also agreed.

Mr Grayling said: "I think it is tremendous new that new jobs are coming into the workstream for communities in the West Midlands.

"National Express is clearly thinking "National Express is clearly thinking ahead in that, as people are coming towards retirement, the firm will be bringing young people into the business."
National Express employs more than 5,400 staff at its nine garages.

Craft fair at arts centre

AN ARTS centre in Netherton will host a spring craft fair and people can still sign up to run stalls at the event. The event will be held at the town's arts centre, Northfield Road, on May 20. It will run from 11am to 4pm. Entry is 50p. Stalls cost £20 and booking forms are available on 01384 813943.

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MP Chris Grayling and managing director of National Express, Peter Coates

Public can have a say on therapy garden bid

A CHARITY in Dudley has called a public meeting about its plans to launch a garden centre as a therapy to help people recover from mental health problems. Dudley Mind in Stourbridge, is proposing to set up tis "Green Sparks" horticultural project on a half acre plot of land in Kingswinford. It is aimed at providing

It is aimed at providing opportunities for those recovering from mental health problems to carry out horticultural work.

horticultural work.
This would help train
them and better prepare
them for work. Now Mind is
organising a meeting to
inform people about the
plans for the land – between
the BP petrol station and
the Premier Inn in Dudley
Road Kingswinford.

Road, Kingswinford.

The meeting will be at Kingswinford Community Centre on May 1 from 6.30 to 8pm. Call Emma Marks, on 01384442938 or email Emma.marks@dudley-mind.org.uk

Reunion plans

A REUNION is being organ-ised for anyone who lived in Dudley Wood before the

Mr Michael Writtle is organising the get-together for people who lived in the area from the 1940s to the 60s. The meeting will be held on May 19 from 5-9pm at St John's church hall, Dudley Wood. Call Mr Writtle on 01384 288511.







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women.

We married in 1966. We had a church wedding, with a white dress for me which cost 21 guineas. One bridesmaid, one best man and a wedding breakfast for a dozen guests at the Park Hall Utet

Everyone chose their meal from the

Typical lack

of foresight

by council

on parking

HOW typical of Dudley Council, "plans for multi-storey car park are put on hold" whilst they await the outcome of other develop-

ments in the town centre.

Presumably they mean the impact of the massive

was passed.

I won't hold my breath for any of the planned regeneration proposed for Dudley, the same as the plans for Stourbridge scheduled to culminate in 2005.

A very long way off.

MRS L SHELDON

Dudley

ourselves. I was 20 and he was 21.

Our home was the rented upstairs rooms of a house, and with the landlords agreement, and financial support, we decorated all the rooms we had to our own choice.

At the same time my new husband worked three shifts at Goodyear's, and I worked 40 hours a week in an office. It was a time of full employment.

Pay had risen quite a lot in an effort by employers to keep good workers, so with slaving and saving we soon had the deposit for our own home.

I WAS shocked to read a recent letter menu, there was pretend champagne, from a lady who married in 1962 and and we paid for absolutely everything a new bed, everything else was begged brought a child into the world to live in ourselves. I was 20 and he was 21.

or borrowed. Yes I am sure there was real poverty around in those days, and not everyone was lucky enough to enjoy either the good health or the will to make a better life for themselves.

The fact that many people did enjoy a quality of life then with more money, more comfort, and more choice which they continue to enjoy now through their own hard work should not be sneered at.

sneered at.
MRS V STARKEY
Woodsetton
Dudley

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Semi-finals threw up many questions

building programme for Dudley College, which has resulted in the loss of so much convenient parking space close to the town cen-Surely this monitoring should have taken place before this building project

WE SAT through two FA Cup semi-finals that have thrown up some very interesting problems.

First, why do the FA insist on semis being played at Wembley? On Saturday, we had two Liverpool clubs playing each other. Why couldn't they have played at Old Trafford so supporters did not have to travel so far?

Who are the better supporters, Liverpool fans who stayed to the end or the fickle London lot who left the ground ages before the end of the match?

People pay a lot of money to go to any football match these days, and it is an insult to the players to leave before the end. The Spurs lot were disgraceful.

When are the games administrators going to admit that TV/video goal line technology is vital? If the Chelsea second goal had been disallowed, wouldn't this have made for a better and possibly different result? Spurs players were obviously gutted by the match officials' actions. Rugby has had this facility for some time, so why are the FIA bods dragging ously gatest of the linear includes actions, tagging has had this facility for some time, so why are the FIA bods dragging their feet? Couldn't the UK FA go it alone? PETER COLE, Chelford Crescent, Kingswinford

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The Beacon Hotel and its micro brewry is a particular example of the kind of establishment that is envied for miles around. We have a lot to be proud of in our area. Cheers to all of our great pubs, one of the many except by the tree to be a supported by the control of the many except and the tree to be a supported by the support of t reasons why its great to be from the Black Country!

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School is sticking to its principles in parking row

tackle long-running parking prob-lems have been rejected by a Black Country school – over fears for the environment.

It has sparked anger among residents around Lutley Primary School, Halesowen who say queues of cars clogging up their roads are ruining the area. They say they fear there is a serious accident waiting to

tear there is a bosh happen.

They claim scores of cars line the streets, blocking bus stops and leaving barely enough space for buses and wide vehicles to

squeeze past.

Locals say a car park should be built on a

Locals say a car park should be built on a disused patch of ground next to the school. But the school says this would not fit in with its reputation for being eco-friendly. Eddie Foxhall, who lives in nearby Rosemary Road, said: "I don't know why they can't use that land. It would solve the problems round here. Something needs to be done because it's getting worse." Parking was recently banned on one side of Brookwillow Road and neighbouring Rosemary Road from Monday to Friday from Sam until 5pm plus both sides of the

from 8am until 5pm plus both sides of the road in Hollybank Grove. Local councillors Hazel and Ken Turner

said a proposal for a one way system along Brookwillow Road was thrown out after councillors at the area committee voted

against it.

Head of school Rebecca Cox, said: "We are an eco school so we would encourage green development. Building a new car park would not be in line with our school values."

Nursing team wins award

A nursing team that supports patients with a debilitating condition of the lymphatic system has won a national award. LymphCare UK was set up by nurses from NHS Dudley in Stourbridge in November. The team, at Stourbridge Health and Social actions. Care Centre, Amblecote, has won first prize in the British Journal of Nursing Lym phoedema national nursing awards.

Promoter remembered



restler Lee Massey with Russells Hall Coronary Gubbins with the £550 donation

Gubbins with the WRESTLERS from across the region raised £550 in memory of a much-loved promoter, who died aged 63. The cash will go to the coronary care unit at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, where Keith Massey was treated before his death last September. Mr Massey, of Tividale, ran Future Championship Wrestling for nine years. Grapplers Jack Storm

and A Star Athlete took part in a battle royale won by Mr Massey's son Lee. Joel Allen, who has taken over from Mr Massey as promoter, said: "If it wasn't for Keith a lot of said: It is wast to restit a lot of the wrestlers would never have got the chance to get in the ring." FCW's next show is on April 29 at 7pm at Baggeridge Social Welfare Centre. Visit www.fcwrestling.co.uk

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Campaigners hoping to take over church soon

Kiri is face of campaign



A SOLDIER from Dudley is one two from the West Midlands picked to be the faces of a national army internet and TV recruitment campaign. Army medic Kiri Yeates, aged 25, of Dudley and Troop Corporal Adam Sefton, 26, of Bearwood are among those fronting the Territorial Army drive. Both are members of the Dud-

castrian Yeomanry A Squadron. They fit their army duties around their regular jobs – Adam as a tax preparation consultant at Deloitte and Kiri as a physiotherapist at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital, which she joined in 2008.

reopen a Dudley church will submit their bid to take over responsibility for the building by the end of the month.

of the month.

If successful, it will enable The St John's Church Preservation Group to carry out restoration work. Chairman Deb Brownlee said a business plan had been drawn up and will be submitted to the Church Commissioners once it has been approved by the Diocese of Worcester. The group wants to lease the 173-year-old church.

It is hoped the Kates Hill building, which has grade II listed status, could be used by the community again.

has grade II listed status, could be used by the community again. Under the plans, the church would be for-mally closed as an Anglican place of worship – but it is hoped the building would be used for worship in the future. Mrs Brownlee said: "Once approved by the diocese the business plan will be sent to the Church Commissioners in London who will make the final decision. "In the meantime fundraising has been

"In the meantime fundraising has been "In the meantime fundraising has been stepped up to ensure the group can hit the ground running and be able to afford the insurance and initial works to ensure the building can be reopened to the public quickly," she said.

Members are estimating it will cost around £5,000 to reopen the building but more cash would be needed.

Monthly variety shows are being held to bring in more, and the part one will be on

bring in money and the next one will be on April 26 at Club Dudley, Waterloo Street, Dudley. Doors open at 7pm and admission is £3. Anyone interested in sponsorship can register by email at savestjohn church@hotmail.co.uk or on 07871 195042.

Touring theatre shows

A TOURING theatre company Purple Dreams Productions will perform new thriller Silent Echo at Netherton Arts Centhree on May 4 and 5 and then comedy Kissing Angels on May 25 and 26. Tickets for the show, which start at 7.30pm, are £12 and £10 and are available on 01384 812846.

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Ban for man who kept Illegal pitbull in squalor

owned an illegal pitbull which he kept in squalid conditions with another pet has been banned

another pet has been banned from keeping dogs for six years.
Dog owner Marcus Marcel Shaqueel Morgan, aged 18, was also told he must pay 2460 in fines and costs when sentenced at Sandwell Magistrates Court.
Mr David Truelove, prosecuting, told the court officers and expert dog handler, Pc Keith Evans visited Morgan's home in Thomas Crescent, on October 19, after they had received a tip-off he possessed an illegal dog. He said: "Pe Evans found in the garden, the dog called Trixie, which is the subject of the first charge. Trixie is a prohibited dog, it's a pitbull terrier."
The court heard Trixie was found in a garden overgrown with weeds and nettles, littered with broken glass and car parts. The kennel was also not suitable.
The court heard Pc Evans found the second dog, a Staffordshire bull terrier, in a downstairs toilet.
Mr Truelove told the court Pc Evans had described the smell in the room as "the worst he had come across" during his career

Mr Truelove told the court Pc Evans had described the smell in the room as "the worst he had come across" during his career and the dog, called Trigger, was emaciated.

Morgan had previously pleaded guilty to owning a fighting dog as well as two charges of causing unnecessary suffering to the dogs. Mr Milo Turner, defending, said: 'This happened due to a lack of education of a 17-year-old youth, as he was then.'

Magistrates also ordered that the illegal dog Trixie be destroyed, and that Trigger be rehomed.

Jobless given skills boost

TEN JOBSEEKERS were taught building skills on a training programme to help them get back into work. Building firm Wates Living Space held the event in Kates Hill, Dudley, with people on the course helping to refurbish the St Thomas's Community Network learning contra The procedure and the programme of the progr work learning centre. The week-long programme saw them learn skills such as carpentry, tiling and plumbing.

Gavin going on grueller



Gavin Ellis, ready to carry the Olympic torch on a 62-mile charity trek

A FUNDRAISER is preparing to carry the Olympic torch by walking a 62-mile route from London to Brighton for charity.

Gavin Ellis, of Upper Gornal, has been selected as a torchbearer when the procession reaches Wolverhampton on June 30.

But first he will take on the London 2 Brighton Challenge for Con-

more than 20 hours – only stopping for water and snacks.

Mr Ellis, aged 35, said: "It's the definitive test of strength, stamina and endurance and I'm fully expecting it to hurt a lot. I'll be experiencing physical exertion combined at times with sleep deprivation.

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organisations who want to celebrate 60 years of The

celebrate 60 years of The Queen's reign. They include a musical event in Chaddesley Corbett thanks to a £350 boost. Kemp Hospice has received £150 to support a Jubilee themed 1952 sports day with stalls for young carers

Fund to aid celebrations Market plan rejected

Saturday market in Hale-sowen have been thrown out amid fears it would harm

trade and force shops to shut.

Traders, councillors and bosses at the town's Cornbow Shopping Centre objected to plans to hold a farmers', craft and general market on town centre streets each Saturday.

At present a 35-stall market is held

on alternate Saturdays.

But operator Steve Evans felt a weekly event would help establish the market as a regular shopping destina-

tion.

However, Dudley Council's licensing sub-committee decided to refuse Mr

Evans' application as a week.
Sub committee chairman Councillor and present frequency of Sub committee chairman Councillor Alan Taylor said present frequency of the market, which can be held up to three times a month, gave a "balance" for the community and for shoppers. Speaking at the meeting, Cornbow Centre manager, Eve O'Connor, said stalls already "obliterate" the view of shop fronts on market days.

Busiest

"The above one paying their husiness."

"The shops are paying their business rates and they can't be seen on their busiest trading day," she said.
"We feel that the market is evolving over time with the outcome that it will become a general market and it is felt from the businesses that they are hear. from the businesses that they are hav-

ing to compete against it as well as fir the overheads that they have to pay she added.

she added.

Halesowen chamber of trade chairman, Steve Fitzpatrick, speaking at the meeting, added: "I feel that a market held every Saturday would cause problems for the shops that are already

problems for the shops that are already there.
"I feel that if we have a market there every Saturday shops will close." The market's size was increased to

35 last October to allow 10 "general" stalls which could sell a variety of

goods.

Mr Evans' spokesman Dermot

McGillicuddy, said during the meeting: "It is confusing for people to know when the market is on."

£1m pot will be set up to give firms a booster

over the next two years.

This will create the business loan fund with the remainder of the cash being provided by the European Development

with the remainder of the cash being provided by the European Development Fund.

At a meeting of the full council last week, members unanimously voted to support the scheme.

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The council has argued the lack of available credit from banks had been cited as a key factor for why business performance had fallen over the past year.

Small firms in the borough will be able

A £1 MILLION fund will be set up to help support small businesses in Dudley after being backed by councillors.

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It is estimated the fund would be able to support 40 businesses in the borough, create up to 30 jobs and safeguard a further 60.

Council leader Councillor Les Jones has admitted there was a risk some of the cash

admitted there was a risk some of the cash may not be paid back if a business failed but said it was a risk which needed to be

He said: "This will be extremely good news for small businesses looking to invest and expand.



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Asda pull the plug over appeal against council

appeal on plans for a 40,000 sq ft superstore in Kidderminster after they complained to planning inspectors in Bristol, over council chiefs taking too long to decide on a proposed Churchfields store.

on a proposed Churchfields store. The move would have taken the decision on the scheme's go-ahead or not, out of the hands of councillors and had left traders who were objecting to the scheme furious. But Asda has now dropped its appeal and would be reconsidering its plans for a supermarket in the town.

Oliver Jones, property communications manager for Asda, said: "We have withdrawn the appeal but we remain interested in investing in Kidderminster and look forward to working with the council to find an alternative site."

It had appealed on the grounds that the

alternative site.

It had appealed on the grounds that the plans, which would create 370 jobs, took more than 13 weeks to reach the committee

stage.
Planners at Wyre Forest District Council had recommended the application for refusal amid fears it would hit other traders and scupper the council's regeneration plans. Nearby businesses have campaigned

plans. Nearby businesses have campaigned against the development, arguing their row of independent shops would become cut-off. Council leader John Campion said: "We look forward to continuing to work with Asda to find a more appropriate location within the town that will enable them to invest in Kidderminster."

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Dog doubled-up by daffs



Don't eat the flowers - Kathleen Pottinger with daffodil-munching Riley

RILEY the labrador bit off more than he could chew when he wolfed down some daffodils from his owner's garden.

His unusual snack left him unable to stand up straight and he kept wobbling and stumbling.

Kathleen Pottinger aged 73.

Kathleen Pottinger, aged 73, rushed her six-month-old pet to the vets. Riley is now recovering at home in Queens Road, Tipton, from

daffodial poisoning where his tem-perature soared and he suffered a fit.

Mrs Pottinger's daughter Linsey

Mrs Pottinger's daughter Linsey Robinson, 36, who lives next door, said: "He looked like he was drunk. He kept falling over. We knew some-thing was seriously wrong." Vet Joy Day said daffodil poisoning was rare because of the taste of the plants but

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Memorial benches for much-loved assistant



ory of a much-loved teaching assistant who

ory of a much-loved teaching assistant who died following a short battle with cancer.

Mother-of-three Sheila Adderley, who was aged 56, worked at Lickhill Primary School, Stourport for 10 years. Her husband, Ernie, who had helped to build a pond at the school, has donated two teak benches for the pupils.

He also had engraved memorial plaques fixed to the benches in tribute to his beloved wife of more 30 years. Deputy headteacher Rhoda Pierpoint, said: "Sheila loved working with all our children and would fully appreciate being able to sit and watch the world going by. "Sheila, whose three children all attended Lickhill, loved nothing more than seeing that 'light bulb' switch on when a child finally got it. Her never ending care and high aspirations for the children were infallible. That is just one of the many reasons she will be dearly missed."

Before Mrs Adderley's death in July last year, children and staff created a scrapbook of their memories of her time at the school. It contained a CD of one of her favourite songs and

school. It contained a CD of one of her favourite songs and was presented to Sheila the day before she died. She added,



Pupils on one of the new benches

Probe after staff Man pulled stood back while rabbit tortured

A PROBE has been launched by Dudley Council after a court case revealed two workers had to stand back as a 15-year-old boy tortured a rabbit. The boy, from Brierley Hill, admitted causing unnecessary suffering to the rabbit by beating, kick-ing, cutting it with a knife and getting his dog to chase it. He

was given a 12-month youth rehabilitation order. Two workmen who wit-nessed the "sustained, brutal nessed the "sustained, brutal and pointless" attack were under orders never to confront tenants when working in their homes, the court was told in February.

Council chiefs have insisted workers should "withdraw" from a situation if they are concerned. but

"withdraw" from a situation if they are concerned – but have said they will investigate the incident which happened last September.
Ward councillor Judy Foster said: "This case has really wrete let of seeph end it.

upset a lot of people and it raises questions about the council."

Camping it up on stage

A STAGE adaption of c holiday camp comedy Hi-De-Hi will be performed by a Black Country group for its next show.

next show.
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from car by robber with baseball bat

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A ROBBER pulled a man

The victim, a man in his 50s, had got into the vehicle

50s, had got into the vehicle in Redditch before he was dragged out and attacked. He told police he noticed a man dressed in dark clothing and a balaclava approaching.

He was carrying a baseball bat and started to threaten the victim and demand money before pulling him out of his car.

threaten the victim and demand money before pulling him out of his car. During the incident the attacker hit the victim on the legs with the bat and stole cash from him.

The attacker was white, slim, about 18 to 22, between 5ft 8ins and 10ins and was dressed in black

and was dressed in black.

It happened at about 6.50pm on April 13, in Ombersley Close, Woodrow.

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Decision to save home sees 'common sense win'

A CLOSURE-THREATENED care home has been saved after council chiefs vowed to keep it open. Elderly residents at New Bradley Hall, Kingswinford, faced being forced out under plans to shut it.

Dudley Council leader, Councillor Les Jones, said the home "will not close". But he added the council plans to finish consultation to determine how it will care for patients in the future.

Councillor Jones said of the closure: "It is not going to happen under my administration."

He added: "I wanted to take the option for closure off the table to stop it being used as a political football in the run up to the elec-

Ons. Campaigner Mac Scott MBE said it was a

tons.
Campaigner Mac Scott MBE said it was a
"victory for the residents" adding he was
pleased "common sense had prevailed".
"I'm pleased they have had the decency to
decide to look again at the situation because
at the end of the day all this has only ever
been about the welfare of the residents," he
added.
Labour leader, Councillor David Sparks,
had stated his party's commitment to keeping the home open if they take control of the
authority following the May elections.
"We have not played it politically to
ensure the people lobbying got a fair hearing," he said. "We will keep New Bradley
Hall open." The official consultation is due
to end on April 27 with a decision in June.
Dudley's UKIP spokesman Bill Etheridge
has also indicated the party wants to keep
New Bradley Hall open.

Stroll through bluebells

NATURE lovers can enjoy a guided stroll around a Dudley nature reserve to see its colourful display of bluebells.
Dudley Council is running the walk at Saltwells Nature Reserve on April 28.
It is free to take part in the walk but anyone who wants to join in needs to book their space by calling the warden on 01384 812795 or 07717 700790.

Thomas tanks into event



Visitors line up on the platform for the Thomas show held at the Severr Valley Railway, Kidderminster

CHILDREN'S favourite Thomas the Tank Engine chugged into Kidderminster for a special event at the Severn Valley Railway.

The little blue engine proved a big hit with families during the Day Out With Thomas weekend.

Visitors to the heritage line watched live steam shows featuring Thomas and The Fat Controller.

They also trayelled to the rail-

They also travelled to the rail-way's Engine House visitor centre at Highley where there was a magic

things where there was a magic show.

There was face painting, a colour-ing competition and DVDs at the

Day Out With Thomas cinema and meet the Gordon the Big Engine.
There was also a Thomas bouncy castle at Bridgnorth station. Among those visiting Kidderminster station was James Ralph, from Dudley who took along his three-year-old son Kaiden.

Kaiden.
It was the second of two
"Thomas" weekends taking place

"Thomas" weekends taking place this month.

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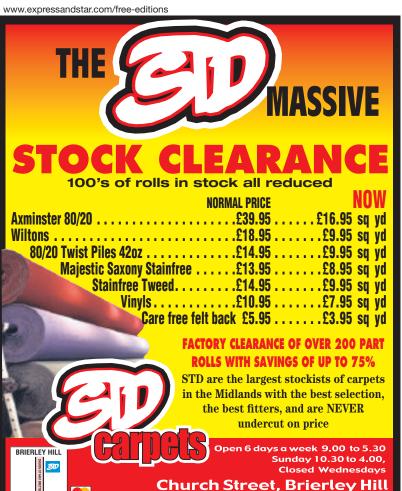
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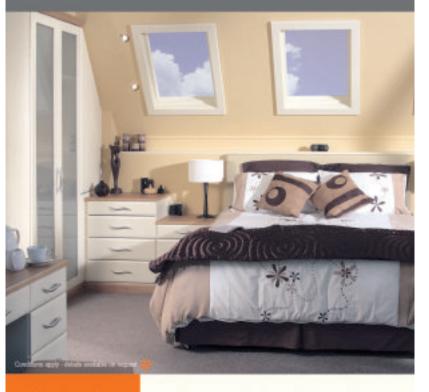
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Revived speedway team was on track for success

A NEW speedway season is underway at Monmore Green, where Wolverhampton Wolves are striving to achieve the success of a couple of years ago when they were Elite League Champions.

Elite League Champions.
Speedway came to Wolverhampton
as long ago as 1928, but only lasted
until 1930, though grass track racing
was always popular. The sport was
revived in 1951 with the formation of
the Wolverhampton Wasps, but it
folded again in 1954.
A new team, the Wolves, were
formed in 1961, riding at Monmore
Green in the Midland League Championship, winning it in 1962, and becoming Provincial League Champions in
1963.

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by Alec Brew

the top flight of British Speedway ever since, becoming British League Champions in 1991, and Premier League winners in 1996.

They have won the current Elite League in 2002 and 2009, making them a rather more successful set of Wolves than the other team across the city at Molineux.

Honour

A new team, the Wolves, were formed in 1961, riding at Monmore Green in the Midland League Championship, winning it in 1962, and becoming Provincial League Champions 1963.

Apart from a couple of years the Wolves have consistently competed in

around that time. He went on to become world champion a third time after he had left Wolves, one of the greatest riders of

left Wolves, one of the greatest riders of all time.

The Californian, Sam Ermolenko, rode for Wolves for many years and became World Champion in 1993 an honour which eluded his fellow countryman, 'Rocket' Ronnie Correy, who also rode for Wolves in the 90s.

In more recent times the stars of the team have been two Swedes, the long serving, Peter Karlsson, who captained the team to the 2009 Championship, and the electric Freddie Lindgren who was top points scorer that year, and consistence of the consis top points scorer that year, and consistently ever since.

Coming to the fore recently has been the young rider from Scunthorpe, Tai Woffinden.

This season has not started as well as

might have been expected but fans hope the team can still achieve the success of



Hasse Holmqvist, a Wolves rider from the 70s





Update for memorial to mark modern wars

Former nightclub to be banqueting suite

A FORMER nightclub in Dudley is being given a facelift and will open as a banqueting hall before the end of next month creating new jobs.

Bosses say the Prince Banqueting Suite in Martin Hill Street will begin recruiting within the next few weeks.

The nightclub, called Fusion, was sold at auction for £210,000 in October. Thousands is being spent on renovating the building which had been empty for two years.

When it opens, it will cater for weddings, birthdays and conferences. Proposals for the refurbishment work were lodged by CombiConstruction and given the go-ahead by planners at Dudley Council in February.

There will be a main hall with a stage and area for the DJ as well as around 16 tables and another hall for smaller

as well as around 16 tables and another hall for smaller gatherings. Conference facilities will include plasma televisions and an LCD projector. Ike Ahmed, from Combi Construction, said the refurbishment is progressing well. "We hope to be opening during the third week of May.

diers who have died in other conflicts. It comes as work starts on a book of remembrance that will feature the names of all Wyre Forest soldiers who have died in service since 1899

soldiers who have diet The Angel of Peace statue in Kidderminster currently pays tribute to those killed in the 1914-1918 war. But the town's Charter Trustees want it engraved with the words "1939-1945 and all other conflicts. We will remember them".

will remember them".

The memorial, at St Mary's and All Saints Church, off the ring road, is a central part of Remembrance Day services in the

town.
Volunteers say they wanted to make it clear that it also pays tribute to troops from wars such as the Falk-lands, Iraq and Afghanistan.

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The Angel of Peace memorial

man Charles Talbot said: "We felt it would be more comprehensive and would be a better idea than trying to fund a whole new memo-

"ial." Work has now started to compile the names of soldiers from the district in a leather-bound book, which will be on display in the church.

More than 1,300 names are expected to be included and Kidderminster War Memorial Trust also hopes to add the dates and circumstances of the men's deaths, if the information is available from the authorities or their families.

Centre offering snappers course aimed at novices

COURSES in photography and beekeeping are being held at the Bishops Wood Centre near Stourport. Digital Photog-raphy for Beginners runs over two-hour sessions on a Tuesday morning over 11 weeks starting on May 1 until July 17 from 10am to midday. The photography course costs

July I' from 10 an to minutay. £85. Some one-day courses are also available. The "Bee Wise" course is an introduc-tion to bees and beekeeping. It takes place on May 19 and costs £50, running from 10 am until 4 pm.

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Rambles in the country

WEEKDAY rambles across the Clent Hills have been organised for lovers of the countryside

countryside.

The rambles cost £2 and set off from the Nimmings Wood car park, lasting from 10am to 1 pm.

Rambles are planned for May 9, June 13, July 11, September 12, October 10, November 14 and December 12

For more information call Laura Broadhurst on 01562 712822 or laura.broad-h u r s t @ n a t i o n a l trust.org.uk

thechronicle Swimming lessons for parents and youngsters

SPECIAL swimming lessons SPECIAL swimming lessons for parents and toddlers are being staged at the Crystal Leisure Centre.

The centre is offering the 30-minute swimming ses-

30-minute swimming sessions, which includes tuition from qualified instructors, on Tuesdays at 9.45am and 10.15am and on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2pm and 2.30pm

and Thursdays at 2pm and 2.30pm.

The courses help parents introduce their children to water in a fun and relaxed way. Children learn basic water skills through nursery rhymes, games, use of toys and also interaction with other toddlers.

Parents are encouraged to enrol as soon as possible on to one of the courses, which run weekly, excluding Whitsun half term until the school summer holiday

school summer holiday begins. For more informa tion call the centre on 01384 812800 or pople can log on to the website www.dudley.gov.

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Previous president to bonny takes on role again bonnets

THE April meeting was full of spring colour as 11 members wore their Easter bonnets. Admiration went to Sylvia whose creation was adorned with fresh flowers. Audrey Phipps gave a warm welcome to the

Incoming president Gail Wedge, left with previous incumbent Julia Jordan

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president, representing the 14 Clubs in the Midland Chase Region during 2009/10.
Gail's chosen charities include the Acorns Children's Hospice and the Footprints Orphanage near Mombasa. Events already planned for the year include celebrations of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the Olympic Games.

Talented artist gives talk

THERE was a good attendance at the AGM. The committee for last year agreed to stand again and were duly voted in.

After the business of the day and coffee the meeting ended with a quiz.

At the April meeting, the ladies listened to a very interesting talk and slide show entitled "Confessions

MORNING TOWNSWOMEN

of an Artist", given by Geoff Tristram, a talented illus-trator and cartoonist. It was a very interesting and humorous talk.

There is no meeting on

May 3 because of the local elections, but members are looking forward to an outing to Stratford-on-Avon including a river trip on May 24.

Members continue to enjoy theatre trips, the bowls group was due to starts its season on April 25 and the Floral Arts Group continues to meet every continues to meet every second Tuesday.



WOLVERHAMPTON

CLUB members reviewed activities during the previous year at the Annual General Meeting. Thanks were given to outgoing President Julia Jordan and her executive committee, before welcoming new President Gail Wedge into office.

Joan and Val are holding a fundraising afternoon tea at 3pm, on May 22. The cost is £5.

Mrs Burton gave a lighthearted informal talk on her believe for not reing comparis hobby of entering competi-tions. She brought in numer-

thechronicle Hats off

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lunch at the Whittington. Joan and Val are holding a

into office.

Gail served previously as president during 2003/04 and again as part of Team Seventy in 2006/07 when a group of former presidents shared the role to celebrate the club's 70th year. She also served as regional

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Much has been done by the Tories but more is needed

THE LOCAL elections are only days away so I was delighted to be able to welcome my colleague, Sheryll Murray MP, to my constituency to join us canvassing and campaigning.
Sheryll swapped scenic South East Cornwall for historic Dudley for the weekend and was very impressed by what she saw, telling me afterwards how much she had enjoyed seeing our borough and talking to people on the doorstep here.
I completed the London marathon in 4hrs 17 mins 55 seconds raising more than £1,000 for Action Heart at Russells Hall Hospital and the Dudley Group of Hospitals charity.
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marathon.

I am pleased Abu Qatada is now in custody pending his deportation to Jordan.

The assurances and information that the Government has secured from Jordan means deportation can be undertaken in full compliance with the rights and the ruling of the European Court of Human Rights.

I hope that Qatada will

I hope that Qatada will soon be on his way to face

soon be on his way to face justice.

We've still got so much more to do to fix what's wrong in Britain and protect what's right.

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year, the Government has made real progress, taking difficult decisions in the long-term interests of the country.

- We passed the Welfare Reform Act, which intro-duced for the first time, a duced for the first time, a cap on benefits at £26,000. No longer can out of work families get more in benefits that the average working household gets from going out to work.
- We have passed the Health and Social Care Act, introducing greater compe-tition and choice to make the NHS able to cope with

the challenges of an ageing population. And we've kept our promise to increase real term spending on the NHS year on year this Parliament.

- We have delivered a Budget tax cut to reward work 24 million people will benefit with most basic rate taxpayers will see a gain of £220. By 2013, we will have taken 2 million people out of tax altogether.
- We have extended Right We have extended hight to Buy discounts (see www.direct.gov.uk/rightto-buy) and launched a New Buy scheme for new build houses — helping more fam-

- We have published a new planning framework, turning 1,000 pages of guid-ance into 50. Reforming the planning regime so it can be a driver of growth, while protecting our precious countryside.
- We have launched our Youth Contract to get 16- and 17-year-olds who are out of work and not in education, either earning or learning again www.dwp.go.vuk/youth-contract). This is in addition to the Work Programme and the 170,000 new apprenticeships we have delivered in one year. We have launched out
- We are also freezing Council Tax, supporting weekly bin collections, standing up for Britain in Europe, renewing the nuclear deterrent, and keeping fuel duty 10p lower than it would have been under the last government's plans.
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Residents concerned at mystery of closed pub

MYSTERY surrounds the future of an historic canalside pub with fears growing among residents who say they have heard nothing about the site for months.

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Villagers in Kinver were surprised when barriers went up at the Vine in Dunsley Road, unexpectedly last December. Nearly five months on, the building remains closed and residents say no indication has been given on when it will reopen. At the time, officials from Enterprise Inns said the site had been closed temporarily as water was leaking in. leaking in.

leaking in.

Investigations were taking place to deal with the problem and it was expected the site would reopen after a short time.

But the firm has now declined to comment further on the pub but said it hoped to make "progress" at the site in the near future.

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Popular

The pub has been a popular haunt for visitors to the village during the summer months. Resident Bob Clarke said it was a "total mystery" what was happening at the pub but said people hoped it would be trading again soon.

"The pub closed just before Christmas and at the time we were told water had been leaking into the building so it had been closed for work," he said.

"But since that time we have heard absolutely nothing about what is happening

"But since that time we have neard absolutely nothing about what is happening at the pub. It is a shame to see it disused. "People here just want to know what is happening."

Enterprise Inns has previously said there were no plans to close the pub and it would be re-opened at the earliest opportunity.

Courses on trampolining

NEW TRAMPOLINING courses are on offer at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure

Centre.

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eoni legs it to the finals



Leoni Smith, aged eight, who is in the national final of Britain Does Variety

A YOUNG street dancer from Dudley has wowed the judges with her moves to reach the national grand final of Britain Does Variety.

Leoni Smith, aged eight, will now perform at the Watford Place Theatre, near London, on June 23.

Her stage name is Lil Miss and she was one of four acts chosen to go through to the next stage of the contest. The Tividale Primary

School pupil has been dancing since she was five and trains at the Street Dance Academy, Wolverhampton Street, Dudley. Leoni, of Pine Road, Dudley, is

also a member of the Rhythm Junkiez in Sutton Coldfield.

After auditioning in February, she was chosen to perform, along with 29 other hopefuls, in the regional finals in Birmingham.



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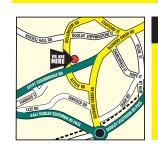
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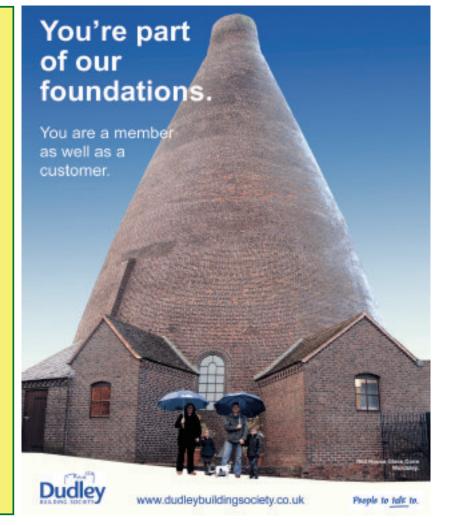
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To date the Association runs specialist Family, Carer and Exercise after stroke groups in Brierley Hill, twice a month and

are extending that with a recently started weekly exercise group using the outside gym at The Dell Stadium. A weekly speech and confidence group together with coffee mornings, lunch clubs and a whole host of services all aimed at making life better for people who have suffered a stroke, together with their family and friends. Jeanne added, "The majority of our trustees have had a stroke, including myself, therefore we are able to see what is needed from a stroke sufferers point of view and we feel we offer a personal touch that is often missing in today's world".

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In the front of house, the new menus are out, the waiting team are briefed and the wine orders en route and there definitely is a buzz in the air for what hopefully will be yet another season of great food, amazing tastes and fantastic company. This Spring there are two fantastic new additions to the menu with a brand new free salad bar and ice cream parlour now available. The free salad bar offers an excellent variety of salad



and is available all week with all main meals (excluding the carvery) giving customers the opportunity to have a healthy side dish to accompany their main meals. The award winning carvery is available 7 days a week and offers superb value for money and for those of you with an even bigger appetite the new menu offers a fantastic choice including steak, ribs, chicken, fish, grills, sizzlers and vegetarian options. When it comes to dessert there was already a good choice available but now the children (and probably the adults!) will not be able to stay away from the new Ice Cream Parlour using the excellent Moverpick, Swiss ice cream.

As well as offering a superb dining experience The Old Courthouse is a delightful and charming converted Victorian Courthouse that just oozes character with its wooden beams in the lounge bar area, a beautiful large conservatory and large child friendly, secluded gardens. There are also 4



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6.30 My Family. Ben forms a union to protest about timecards at work. (R)
 7.00 The Voice UK. Holly Willoughby and Reggie Yates present the first

each take centre stage.

8.30 The National Lottery: In It to Win It. Dale Winton hosts the quiz show in which five contestants

answer questions to scoop a big prize. Includes the Lotto and

Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

2 Casualty. Weeks of fretful anticipation come to an end for Sam as the day of the GMC hearing arrives, but a confrontation with an old friend forces her to relive painful memories.

BBC News; Weather.

Match of the Day. Including highlights of Wigan Athletic v Newcastle United;

astle United

National Lottery Update

live round of the singing contest, in which the five acts in Tom Jones and Will.i.am's teams

Weather. Celebrities.

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 1.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further second-round coverage from Sheffield. 5.30 The Falklands — Remembering Crain nembering Craig.

BBC₂

- 6.00 Flog It! The team visits the Cumbrian town of Barrow-in-Furness.
 6.30 Dad's Army. The platoon puts its best feet forward. (R)
 7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Coverage of the final session on day eight at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre, where one second-round match is second-round match is scheduled to conclude and another gets unde
- 8.00 The Story of Light Entertainment. The role of impressionists, exploring the popularity of performers including Mike Yarwood, Rory Bremner, Alistair McGowan, Ronni Ancona and the Spitting
- Image team.

 The Art of Tommy

 Cooper. The life and work of the comedian.
- (R)
 9.30 I Love 1972. David
 Cassidy continues the
 nostalgic look back at
 1970s kitsch culture,
 focusing on the year of
 The Partridge Family, The Godfather and Marc Bolan's
- commercial peak. (R)

 10.30 FILM: Mean Streets.
 (1973) Martin Scorsese's drama, with Robert De Niro.

12.20 Snooker: The World Championship. 1.10 Snooker Extra. 3.10 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 Saturday Cookbook. 9.25 TIV News. 9.30 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 10.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. 11.20 The Real Housewives of New York City. 12.15 Murder, She Wrote, (R) 1.20 TIV News; Weather. 1.30 Film: Free Willy 3: The Rescue. (1997) Earnily adventure statering lescone. Free Willy 3: The Rescue. (1997, Family adventure, starring Jason James Richter. 3.05 Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) 3.20 Film: Murder on the Orient Express. (1974) Agatha Christie mystery, Starring Albert Finney. 5.45 starring Albert Finney. Regional News ; Weather.

- 6.00 ITV News; Weather.
 6.15 Keith Lemon's
 LemonAid.
 7.00 New You've Been
 Framed! Featuring
 boating mishaps.
- 7.30 The Cube. Builder Wes and PE teacher Catrin are asked to complete
- and Taleacher Gameria are asked to complete tasks within the confines of the cube, hoping to win a jackpot of £250,000.

 8.30 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the nationwide talent search as another line-up of entertainers try to impress judges Simon Cowell, David Walliams, Alesha Dixon and Amanda Holden.

 9.30 Benidorm. The Garveys arrive at Madge's villa, only to discover she has sold it to a TV personality, and Gavin
- personality, and Gavin
- personality, and Gavin turns up at Solana with 10.30 ITV News; Weather. 10.45 FILM: Dirty Harry. (1971) Police thriller, starring Clint Eastwood.

12.40 The Store. (R) ITV News Headlines. 2.45 in Plain Sight. (R) 3.30 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Grid. 7.05 British F3. 7.30 FIM Superbike World Championship 2012. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** The TV Book Club. **9.25** T4: Koko Pop. **10.00** T4: Made in Chelsea.

Channel 4

Pop. 10.00 14: Made in Chelsea. 11.05 T4: The Pop Powerlist. 12.10 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 12.45 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.15 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.50 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Channel 4 Presents Oscar Pistorius "Head Strong"
 (R) 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me.

- 6.00 Channel 4 News 6.00 Channel 4 News.
 6.25 4thought.tv. Nurse
 Jane Parkes talks about
 dealing with depression
 through religion, and
 expresses her wish to
 share her beliefs with
- patients suffering the same plight. 6.30 Stephen Fry's 100
- stepnen Fry's 100 Greatest Gadgets. The writer and actor provides a countdown of his favourite devices, all of which have revolutionised assects
- all of which have revolutionised aspects of life, including the tin opener, trouser press and answering machine. (R) 9.30 FILM: Terminator Salvation. (2009) Premiere. In the future, resistance fighter John Connor leads a war against the deadly robots. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring equel, starring hristian Bale.
- 11.45 FILM: Underworld: Evolution. (2006) Action fantasy sequel, starring Kate Beckinsale.

1.35 Stand Up for the Week. (R) 2.20 Facejacker. (R) 2.45 Hit the Road Jack. 3.30 Dog's Mercury. (R) 3.55 St Elsewhere. (R) 4.40 Smallville. (R) 5.25 Countdown.

00 Milkshake! 10.00 The adget Show: World Tour. (R) .00 Rory McGrath's Pub Dig. t) 12.00 The Restaurant spector. (R) 1.00 Film: Murder, ne Said. (1961) Miss Marple

mystery, starring Margaret Rutherford. **2.40** Film: Medicine Man. (1992) Jungle adventure, starring Sean Connery. 4.45 Film: The Magnificent Seven. (1960) Western, starring Yul Brynner.

- 7.25 5 News Weekend.
 7.30 NCIS. Lt Col Mann
 arrives to assist with
 inquiries into the murder
 of a marine a case
 that becomes personal
 for Gibbs when he learns one of the witnesses is his ex-wife.
- 8.20 NCIS. A Navy recruiting officer is murdered at a high school and the agents receive help from Ducky's predecessor in their search for the killer. Guest starring Bob
- Guest starring Bob Newhart. (R) 9.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team is called to examine the murder of a man found in the desert, leading to a string of killings connected to a cache of stolen casino chips. 10.10 CSI: NY. A crime-scene lab technician is murdered.
- 11.05 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A teenager's body is found in the Hudson

12.05 SuperCasino. 4.00 Great Artists. (R) 4.50 County Secrets. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Hana's Helpline. (R)

ITV2 3.50 All Star Family Fortunes 4.50 You've Been Framed and Famous! 5.50 Film: Back to the Framed and Famous! 5.50 Film: Back to the Future Part II (1989) 8.00 The Planet's Funniest Animals 8.30 Sextuplets – The Little Lambs 9.30 Britain's Got More Talent 10.30 Celebrity Juice 11.15 Keith Lemon's LemonAid

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3.55 Film: The Secret Garden (1993) 5.55 Agatha Christie's Marple 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Foyle's War 11.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Chennai Super Kings v Kings XI Punjab and Kolkata Knight Riders v Royal Challengers Bangalore. **8.00** River Monsters **9.00** Film: Unforgiven (1992) Western, directed by and starring Clint Eastwood. 11.40 Film: Midnight

BBC THREE

7.00 Doctor Who 7.45 Doctor Who Confidential 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 World's Craziest Fools 9.30 Russell Howard's Good News Extra 10.15 Film: Adulthood (2008) 11.50 Family Guy

7.00 South Pacific 8.00 Around the World in 60 Minutes 9.00 The Bridge 11.00 Parkinson: The Richard Burton Interview 11.35 Top of the Pops: 1977

3.00 Made in Chelsea 4.05 Charlie's Angels 5.00 How I Met Your Mother 6.00 The Big Bang Theory 7.30 Rules of Engagement 8.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.30 Happy Endings 9.00 Rude Tube: Animals and Kids 9.30 Film: Wayne's World (1992) 11.30 The Big Bang

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3.05 The Thirty-Nine Steps (1959) 4.55 Picture Perfect (1997) 6.50 Only You (1994) Romantic cornedy, with Marisa Tomei and Robert Downey Jr. 9.00 The Sixth Sense (1999) 11.05 Cloverfield (2008)

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The blind auditions are over, and the unique selling point (the fact the judges couldn't see who they'd chosen to mentor) has been exhausted, will it be just like The X Factor from here on? That remains to be seen, but with a recent episode thrashing Britain's Got Talent in the ratings, you can bet Simon Cowell is a little worried as his quest for ratings supremacy is threatened once more. This week, the four celebrity mentors start the opening live round with a group performance to show the wannabe stars how it's done Then, the five remaining acts in Tom and Will's teams take centre stage. The results show is tomorrow at 7.25pm

11.55 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games on the final day of the regular Championship season.

1.15 Weatherview. 1.20 BBC

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6.00 Milkshakel: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) 6.25

City of Friends. (R) 6.35 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs.

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730 5 News Weekend

7.35 Ultimate Police Interceptors. (R) 8.00 Once Upon a Time. 9.00 FILM: A Perfect

Getaway. (2009) Premiere. Thriller

starring Milla Jovovich.

10.45 FILM: An American
Haunting. (2005) Factbased period horror,

starring Donald Sutherland.

12.30 The World of Stupid Criminals. (R) 1.05 SuperCasino. 4.00 UEFA Europa League Highlights. 4.50 County Secrets. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshakel. Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Hana's Helpline. (R)



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6.00 Breakfast. 7.35 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr

Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Country Tracks; (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.00 Sunday Politics. 1.00 Cash in the Attic. (R) 1.30 Bargain Hunt. (R) 2.15 Homes Under the Hammer. (R) 3.15 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.00 Human Planet. (R) 5.00 Points of View. 5.15 Songs of Praise.

6.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 6.25 Countryfile. Matt Baker

spruces up beach huts in Southwold, Suffolk. 7.25 The Voice UK Results.

act.

8.00 Antiques Roadshow.
Fiona Bruce and the team head to Charlecote park, near Stratford-upon-Avon, the hometown of William Shakespeare, where they appraise objects from the days of Elizabethan England.

9.00 Silent Witness. Part one of two. Leo investigates the

Tom Jones and Will.i.am each lose one

7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Hazel Irvine and Rishi Persad present coverage of the final session on day nine at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre.

8.00 Indian Ocean with Simon Reeve. Spear fishing on Madagascar and the world's smallest national park.

9.00 Ewan McGreoor: Cold

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Rangers.

11.05 Grandma's House.
Simon spots a chance to move out of his grandmother's house.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 Dinner Date. 9.25 ITV News. 8.25 Dinner Date 9.25 ITV News, 9.30 Ade in Britain (R) 10.25 May the Best House Win. (R) 11.30 Long Lost Family. (R) 12.30 ITV News; Weather 12.35 Britain's Got Talent. (R) 1.35 The Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) 2.05 The Month of the Planet's Funniest Animals. (R) 2.05 The Planet's F

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6.35 Regional News; Weather. 6.45 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 All Star Family Fortunes. Tottenham Hotspur strike r Jermain Defoe and his family

Defoe and his family compete against actress Martine McCutcheon and her relatives to win up to £30,000 for charity.

8.00 Vera. The detective investigates the murder of a popular social worker and an infamous past case involving the death of a child appears to hold the key to solving the mystery.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

Weather.

10.15 Perspectives: Wind in the Willows with Griff Rhys Jones. The actor and comedian explores the classic children's the classic climarens
tale, delving into the
history of the book and
the life of its author
Kenneth Grahame.

11.15 The Cube. A hurling
instructor competes. (R)

12.10 The Store. (R) ITV News Headlines. 2.15 River Monsters. (R) 3.05 Motorsport UK. 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning

6.10 Sali Mali. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 6.40 The Hoobs. (R) 7.10 Wheelchair Rugby Highlights: London Prepares. 8.05 7.10 Wheelchair Rugby Highlights: London Prepares. 8.05 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.30 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 9.00 Frasier. (R) 9.30 Frasier. (R) 10.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.01 he Big Bang Theory. 12.55 The Big Bang Theory. 12.56 The Big Bang Theory. 12.56 The Big Bang Theory. 12.56 The Big Bang Theory. 12.57 The Big Ban

Channel 4

7.25 Channel 4 News.
7.25 4thought.tv. Imam
Abdullah Hasan
discusses how Islam
can help people
overcome depression.
8.00 Celebrity Deal or No
Deal. Sarah Millican
takes part in the game
show, trying to guess
the value of the mystery
boxes and win up to
£250,000 for her
chosen charity. Hosted
by Noel Edmonds.
9.00 Homeland. Saul visits

9.00 Homeland. Saul visits
Carrie in hospital after
the explosion and finds her postulating frantically about Abu Nazir, but realises her theories have merit. Brody takes his family

to Gettysburg.

10.05 FILM: The Bank Job. (2008) Fact-based crime thriller, starring Jason Statham and and Saffron Burrows.

12.20 Film: My Name Is Khan. (2010) Premiere. Drama, starring Shahrukh Khan. 2.30 Brain Damage. (R) 2.40 Hollyoaks. (R) 4.45 Smallville. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

3.20 The Only Way Is Essex 4.50 Britain's Got Talent 5.50 Britain's Got More Talent 6.50 Film: The Incredible Hulk (2008) 9.00 Benidorm 10.00 The Only Way Is Essex 10.45 Olly: Life on Murs 11.45 Film: GoldenEye (1995)

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3.45 Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) 5.45 Agatha Christie's Poirot 8.00 An Audience with Lionel Richie 9.00 Film: Caddyshack (1980) 11.00 Cracker

11.00 British Touring Car Championship. Round three from Thruxton. 6.00 The Sweeney 700 Minder 8 00 River Monsters 9 00 Indian emier League Cricket 10.00 Film: Get Carter

BBC THREE

7.00 Don't Blame the Dog 8.00 Top Gear 9.00 Don't Tell the Bride USA 9.50 Don't Tell the Bride: Greatest Moments 10.00 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad!

BBC FOUR

7.00 Royal Institution Lectures 8.00 Shock and Awe: The Story of Electricity 9.00 Film: Tim (1979) 10.45 Mark Lawson Talks to Zoe Wanamaker 11.45 Royal Institution Lectures

3.05 Ualv Betty 4.05 Glee 5.05 90210 6.00 The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Film: Clueless (1995) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Made in Chelsea

2.55 The Poseidon Adventure (1972) 5.15 2.55 The Poseidon Adventure (1972) 5.15 Freaky Friday (1976) 7.10 My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006). An insecure superhero is outraged when her boyfriend dumps her, and in revenge uses her powers to ruin his life. Fantasy comedy, starring Uma Thurman, Luke Wilson and Eddie Izzard. 9.00 Iron Man (2008). Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr, Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow and Terrence Howard. 11.25 Young Frankenstein (1974)

ANTIQUES ROADSHOW

It's a well-known fact that Britain loves a good antique. You only have to take into consideration the longevity and popularity of this show, itself something of a much-treasured oldie, to see that it's true. This week, Fiona and the team head to the famed town of Stratford-upon-Avon, where with William Shakespeare's home so close by, they make a particular search for objects from the days of Elizabethan England. Up for examination are a dining table, a jewel said to have magical powers, and a portrait of Robert Dudley, First Earl of Leicester, and an important patron of

BBC1, 8pm

investigates the mysterious death of a psychiatric patient. 10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 10.25 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Damian News for You. Damian Lewis guest-hosts the current affairs quiz. 11.10 Room 101 — Extra Storage. With Gregg Wallace, Gabby Logan and Sarah Millican. 11.50 FILM: The Man Without a Face. (1993) Prama, starring Mel Gibson. 1.40 Weatherview. 1.45 Sign Zone: Empire. (R) 2.45 Holby City. (R) 3.45 Antiques Road Trip. (R) 4.30 BBC News. theatre in the court of Elizabeth I.

CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. Saturday Kitchen Best 11.30 The Little Paris n: Cooking with Rachel (R) 12.00 Great British (R) 12.30 Live MotoGP. The Spanish Grand Prix race.

2.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further coverage of the second round in Sheffield.

6.00 The Hairy Bikers'
Bakeation. Si King and
Dave Myers travel
through France, where
they make larte aux
pralines, a savourystuffed brioche, apricot
tarte Tattin and, of
course, the traditional
French baguette. (R)
7.00 Live Snooker: The
World Championship.

9.00 Ewan McGregor: Cold Chain Mission. Part two of two. The actor travels the Congo river. 10.00 Match of the Day 2.

(R)

11.35 Snooker: The World Championship. The final session on day nine at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre.

12.25 Snooker Extra. 2.25 BBC News. 4.30 Close.

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3.45 BBC News.

BBC 2 6.00 CBeebies 7.00 CBBC. 8.30
CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News.
12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 Live Snooker: The World
Championship. The opening session on day 10 in
Sheffield. 6.00 Egghads. 6.30 Great British
Menu. 7.00 Live Snooker: The World
Championship. The conclusion of the second
round in Sheffield. 8.00 Chaplains: Angels of
Mersey. 8.30 Home Cooling Made Easy, (F) 9.00
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Weather, 11.20 Snooker: The World Championship.
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Channel 4 6.10 Sali Mali. (R) 6.15 The Hoobs. (R) 7.05 Freshly Squeezed. 735 According to Jim. (R) 8.00 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 1.05 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Secret Millionaire Australia. (R) 1.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 11.00 How to Haggle for a House. 12.00 Channel 4 News Bildday Summary. 12.06 River Cottage Veg. 1.00 How to Haggle for a House. 12.00 Channel 4 News Bildday Summary. 12.06 River Cottage Veg. 1.10 Film: Delective Story. (1951) Police drama, starring Kirk Douglas. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 700 Channel 4 News. 8.00 Foxes Live: Wild in the City. 9.00 Embarrassing Bodies. 10.00 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. 11.00 S Out of 10 Cats Uncut. 11.45 Homeland. (R) 12.55 Random Acts. 1.00 Film: Udaan. (2010) Drama, starring Rajat Barmecha. 3.15 A Family Portrait. (R) 2.25 Film: Cry Havoc. (1945) Second World War drama, starring Margaret Sullavan. 5.00 Milkshakel. 9.15 The

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6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00
Live Snooker: The World Championship. The
second session of two quarter-finals. 8.00 The
Hairy Bikers' Bakeation. 9.00 Meet the Romans
with Mary Beard. 10.00 Later Live – with Jools
Folland. 10.30 Newsnight, Weather. 12.20
Snooker Extra. 2.10 BBC News. 4.00 BBC
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11 1 2.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather 2.00 66 Minute Makeover. 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Rosemary & Thyme. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Jirkinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Rosemary & Thyme. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Countrywise Kitchen. 8.00 William and Kate: The First Year. 9.00 The Hunt for Bin Laden. 11.00 ITV News; Weather. 11.35 The Unforgettable Kenny Eventl. (R) 12.05 The Zone; ITV News Headflines. 2.35 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

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BBC 2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30
CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00
See Hear. 1.30 Live Snooker: The World
Championship. Further quarter-final coverage
from Sheffield. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British
Menu. 7.00 Live Snooker: The World
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News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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way. 9.00 Shakespeare in Italy. 10.00 Grandma's
House. 10.30 Newsinght Weather. 11.20 Snooker:
The World Championship. 12.10 Film: Tsotsi.
(2005) South African Oscar-winning drama, with
Presley Chweneyagae. 1.40 Film: The Lives of the
Saints. (2006) Cornedy drama, starring David
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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Vote 2012. 1.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further semi-final coverage from Shefflield. 2.00 Vote 2012. 3.00 Live Snooker: The Sheffield .200 Vote 2012. 3.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. Further semi-final coverage from Sheffield. 5.00 Vote 2012. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Live Snooker: The World Championship. The penultimate session of the opening semi-final. 9.00 Meastro at the Opera. 10.00 Cl. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 Weather. 11.05 Letter with Jools Holland. 12.10 Snooker: The World Championship. 1.00 Taken. (R) 2.25 BBC News. 4.30 Close.

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comedy, starring Gene Kelly. 3.05 Channel 4 Presents – 2012: Mandip Sehmi – Part Two. (R)
3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come
Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30
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(2007) Premiere. Comedy, starring Andy Samberg.
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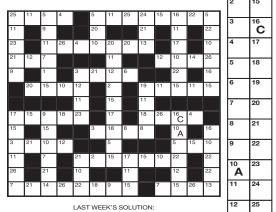
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SEARCH: DAILY EXPRESS PUZZLES

Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

No.166

- 4. Needle without an
- eye? (7)
 8. Drop it, perhaps, being apathetic (6)
- 9. Gets the better of the teachers? (7) 10. Very much the op
 - posite (6) 5. If you lose them.
- 11. Really can fit when adjusted properly (2,4)

 12. Car owner in dis-
- tress, and showing it! (8) 18. Hide inside bands-
- men's concert instruments (8)
- 20. He makes things hot for his em-ployer (6)
- 21. There's no telling if it is to be kept (6)
- 22. Fight with some noise like a bird (7)
- 23. Foresee six coming in to eat (6)24. Where to obtain a
 - degree in common talk (7) forms a circle (6)

Quick Clues: Down 1. Lovable (7) 2. Boring tool (7) 3. Swordsman (6) 5. Unqualified (8) 6. Purpose (6) 7. Hidden (6)

- 4. Recipe (7) 8. Wonder (6)
- 10. Kidnap (6)
- 11. Originate (6) 12. Scowling (8)
- 18. Not obligatory (8)

- 24. Fruit course (7)

- $\textbf{1.} \ \text{The type inclined to} \\$ emphasise (7)
- 2. They give people their addresses (7)
- 3. The pattern of old China (6)
- you're lost! (8)
- 6. Released or shot (3,3)
- 7. Smart evergreen (6) 13. Garment worn out (8)
- 14. Prepare to travel in a decent raincoat
- 15. Seats one pays for
- 16. A state of perfection
- 17. They weren't worn long during the Sixties (6)
- 19. He takes orders and

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Rancour; 14 Nuance; 16 Stairs; 18 Ingrate; 19 Again; 20 Extra hand;
21 Don; 22 Presumption. Down: 2 Hoe; 3 Tipsy; 4 Gentry; 5 Against; 6
Harmonica; 7 Fire engines; 8 Imprisoning; 12 Slaughter; 15 Gravats; 17
Becalm; 19 Audit; 21 Duo. OUICK - Across: 1 Opprobrious; 9 Bet; 10
Plausible; 11 Tacky; 13 Expanse; 14 Unitdy; 16 Advise; 18 Time-lag; 19
Fight; 20 Variegate; 21 Era; 22 Institution. Down: 2 Put; 3 Reply; 4 Brazen; 5 Insipic § Unbending; 7 Obstructive; 8 Deferential; 12 Catamaran; 15 Dullest; 17 Aghast; 19 Fleet; 21 Ego.

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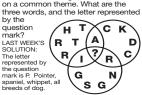
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Laundry

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★Three Bed ★Bathroom with Shower Semi **★**Furnished ★Rear Garden

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Crankhall Lane

*DG & GCH with Shower



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∗Pleasant Garden

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Tipton

★ Fitted Kitchen with

appliances

* Master bedroom en apartment ★ DG & GCH

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Griffiths Drive
mid *GCH & DG.

terrace house *Lounge **★**Three bedrooms **★**Kitchen with cook £495pcm

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shower

Tipton

★Lounge with first floor flat Juliette balconie ★GCH & DG **★**Fitted kitchen

£425 pcm



Brierley Hill

Bell Street

★Two bed self ★ Lounge contained flat ★Fitted kitchen

★Unfurnished *Bathroom £395pcm



 Sandstone Close

 ★FF Maisonette
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Price: £339,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

WORDSLEY



15 Hollyhurst Drive

Enjoying a delightful setting within a small private driveway forming part of this much sought after cul de sac address, this MOST DISTINCTIVE, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS AND BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED, DOUBLE FRONTED DAVID PAYNE DETACHED FAMILY HOME Offers IMMACULATELY PRESENTED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor wc, large lounge, delightful conservatory, separate dining room, attractive luxury dining kitchen with integrated appliances, FOUR BEDROOMS (master with EN-SUITE) and attractive house bathroom. With front garden, TARMAC DRIVEWAY + BLOCK PAVED PARKING, GARAGE and very pleasant and secluded rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: 284.950

NETHERTON



Gads Green

Arare opportunity to purchase this immaculately presented, modern styled four bedroomed executive detached residence which simply must be viewed. The gas centrally heated and upve double glazed accommodation comprises, reception half, guest cloaks, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, laundry, conservatory, 4 first floor bedrooms, twe with en sulte facility, family barrinom, well presented south facing garden to flow the work of the w

Offers around £239,950

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68 Ploverdale Crescent

ill placed within this popular address upon sought after pers, this IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS, MODERIN FOUR OM DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers VERY OUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including ENTRAL HEATING and comprising: reception hall, d large lounge, separate formal dining room, fitted utility room, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOM (master kitchen, utility room, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDINOUNIS (ITIBASE) with EN-SUITE) and refitted house bathroom. With established fore garden, DRIVEWAY and GARAGE, together with pleasantly socialists of the place of the pl Price: £234,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

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This BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED AND ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, MODERN DETACHED This BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED AND ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW is superbly located within this delightful cul de sac and offers IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO, comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge with dining area, beautifully refitted Avanti kitchen with integrated appliances, TWO BEDROOMS, refitted luxury bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. Set back by an attractive fore garden with TARMAC DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and enjoying a LARGE BEAUTIFULLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

1 Wellington Close



13a Randall Close

SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED LINK-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT and is well placed upon the which REQUIRES IMPROVEMENT and is well placed upon the finges of the popular High Acres development, providing as EXCEPTIONALLY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation with much potential, compressing: 24+ Recaption Hall, ground floo with much potential, compressing: 24+ Recaption Hall, ground floo Stiting Room/Bedroom Four, 21+ Klichen, THREE GOOD SIZEL BEDROOMS, et fitted Bathroom; GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. LARGE BLOCK-PAVED DRIVEWAY and rear garden. KINGSWINFORD DEFFEC 61384 401717.

Price: £159,950

TIPTON



Woodcroft Avenue

ive, traditional, conscientiously maintain gas centrally heated & part uPVC dou gas centrally heated & part uPVC double glazed sem for character in popular cut-de-sac. There are a number satures (orby ceiling heights, and leaded/stained glazed with the accommodation providing porch, imposing particular providing porch, imposing zed doors out to the garden), enhanced kitchen, partly, rooms (principal bedroom with an extensive range of u, upgraded bathroom. Utility room, store, w.c., garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 19102 880888

Offers in the region of £152,950

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Brownswall Road

A SIGNIFICANTLY EXTENDED, comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached in favoured district. Accommodation includes entrance porch, hall, 19'5' louge, dining row, extended 18'10' breakfast kitchen, pantry, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS (largest bedroom 19'4' x 12'4' may, bathroom, large 20ft garage, delightful secluded rear garden considerable potential. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 809869.

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Cross Lane

glazed 'starter home' that has been tremendously modernised a upgraded by present vendors in recent normits to an exemplary standard of presentation. Set within reasonable with the presentation of the second set of the second within section of second by the second through lounge, separate dining/sitting room, refitted breakfast kitchen with integrated oven, hob & filler, three bedrooms, super's reappointed/re-thed shower room, driveway, garage, super's reappointed/re-thed shower room, driveway, garage, and second
Offers in the region of £121,000



Langstone Road

Of particular interest to the first time buyer / young family and being realistically priced and nicely presented throughout is this much improved 3 bedroomed semi detached property which must be viewed, comprising, hall lounge, dining mom, kitchen, 3 first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, landscaped and neatly maintained garden to the rear, garage, upve gutter & fasciac, cavity wall insulation, economy 7 heating, tarmacadam driveway. BRIERLEY HILL OPFICE 01384 265265

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Rowan Road

This well presented, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated mid terrace home is situated in an established resdiential location and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, open plan kitcher/dining room, three bedrooms, bathroom & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Sandfield Road

Requiring selective upgrading yet offering excellent potential is this traditional styled 2 bedroomed majority uPVC double glazed semi detached property which comprises, hall, lounge, modern kitchen, 2 first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden to the rear, block paved hardstanding to the front, no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £89,995

QUARRY BANK



Anne Road

A traditional styled 3 bedroomed semi detached property, set in a cul de sac location with gas central heating and uPVC double glazing, comprising hall lounge kitchen dining room, 3 bedrooms bathroom, gardens to the front and rear, rear access and option of renting garage, cavify wall insulation, burglar alarm, updated wiring. No upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265 Offers around £89,950



Temple Street

Temple Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (combi holier), uPVC single glazed traditional intermediate terrace conveniently situated within walking distance of the village & so many amenities. Accommodation provides lourge, enlarged breakfast kitchen with integrated hob/oven, understains breakfast kitchen with integrated hob/oven, understains dividing main betorom?), bethroom with white suite, next garden with brick store. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 88088

Offers in the region of £89,750

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Dudley Road

An elegant, particularly distinctive late Victorian residence constructed to what appears to have been an outstanding specification circa 1894 exemplifying the 'arts & crafts' tastes with many fine period features, modernised in more recent years but now, again, requiring sympathettic restoration providing exceptionally flexible/spacious acccommodation with HUGE POTENTIAL. Accommodation includes imposing reception hall, cloaks, FOUR RECEPTION ROOMS (one with separate entrance), large breakfast kitchen, lofty 27ft conservatory, SIX BEDROOMS (one with en suite), bathroom, garden, DOUBLE BRICK GARAGE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £344,950

BOBBINGTON VILLAGE



2 Glebelands

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Price: £279,950

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The Alley

A distinctive, exceptionally stylish, split level detached imaginatively designed to take full advantage of sloping site with PANORAMIC VIEWS from the rear, and within walking distance of country park together with all of the amenities in Gornal Village. The property has been "transformed" in recent years to an exemplary standard with the gas radiator centrally heated & uPVC double glazed accommodation providing entrance vestibule, "open plan" (2018" x 23'6") lounge/dining room with BALCONY, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & many integrated appliances, reappointed bathroom with white suite. To the lower ground floor is a rear hallway, store, and two double bedrooms. Garage, magnificent garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £224,950

LOWER GORNAL



Significantly EXTENDED (ideal granny/teenager suite) & tremendously improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached with the flexibule accommodation comprising reception hall, through living/dining room with brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY beyond, refitted kitchen with a range of 'beech' effect units & various appliances, large utility room beyond & a separate toilet. Also to the ground floor is a 14'6" 'bed-sit room' with shower/wet room en suite (double doors out to garden). Three further bedrooms, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite, garage, delightful landscaped sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Price: £199,950

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Denise Drive

zeo semi detached (in favoured cui-de-sac) that has been naformed* by present vendors in recent years. Exemplary dadr of accommodation throughout including, entrance poort, fire, transverse 253* refitted "huy of the house" dining kitchen a range of "Awani" units & double doors out to garden. Three erous bedrooms (two with built in double watchoes) and a further tes suite. Garage, lengthy garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 888

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Dumbleberry Avenue, Brownswall Estate

meticulously maintained & significantly ENLARGED ally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached it minist ninks, a various megrated appliances, understains vestibule with to garage). Two double bedrooms (both with a fine range or clonally installed units), and a large THIRD DOUBLE BEDROOM with er scility, reappointed bathroom with a white suite (chrome detailing) neat "low maintenance" may cardion SERGE 1990 FY OFFICE 11902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950 WOODSETTON

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2 Chelford Crescent

AN EXTREMELY LARGE SIX/SEVEN BEDROOM DETACHED FAMIL HOME which commands a large corner plot within High Acres providing a VERSATILE and INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS layout of fam providing a VERSATILE and INCREDIBLY SPRCIOUS layout of family accommodation which maybe split to create a separate annex in equired, REQUIRING WORK/UPDATING including, oxtended required, REQUIRING WORK/UPDATING including, oxtended recommodation of the provided selection of the presidest kitchen, inner hall, ground floor shower room, FUL FIRST FLOOR BEBROOMS, house bathroom and additional shower room. FUL WIDTH DRIVEWAY, DOUBLE GARAGE and an enclosed rear garder with patile and leaver. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777.

Price: £179,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN Vicarage Road West

UPPER GORNAL



Ashen Close, Northway

A Freehold, conscientiously maintained, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated, detached bungalow excellently situated in relatively quiet cul-de-sac in favoured district. Accordance of the constraints of the constraints of the constraints of the constraints of the constraints. exceiently situated in relatively quiet cur-de-sac in favoured district. Accommodation includes; entrance hallway 19'8" living/dining room, inner hallway, breakfas kitchen, two double bedrooms (one with wardrobes) bathroom. Extensive parking, brick garage, secluded level rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Occupying a prominent corner position, this modern style, extended, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached homeprovides versatile family living space & simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The deceptively spacious property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room kitchen, four bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, shower room, garage, driveway & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888 Offers in the region of £174,950

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Ferndown Avenue

An EXTENDED & conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached enviable ylstated in favoured district within walking distance of country park, so many amenities & schools, etc. Accommodation provides enlarged entrance vestibule, reception hall, lourge, extended betrooms between the provided provided to the provided

Offers in the region of £159,950

DUDLEY



Positioned in this established residential location, within walking distance of all local facilities is this gas centrally heated, double glazed, modern style 3 bedroomed detached dwelling which comprises, hallway, lounge, dining area, Fitted kitchen, guest w.c. 3 first floor bedrooms, family bathroom, gardens front and rear, garage, driveway, no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £154,950

LOWER GORNAL



The Spinney

Delightfully situated in a quiet cul de sac location, this uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home is well worthy of inspection. Accommodation briefly comprises side entrance hall, lounge, kitchen with a fine range of units, CONSERVATORY, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage, driveway & garden overlooking open woordland. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950 LOWER GORNAL

WOODSETTON



An attractive, modernised & conscientiously maintained, freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED, gas centrally heated semi detached in well regarded district. Delightful accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, semi detached in well regarded district. Delightful accommodation includes entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom, sitting room with bay, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, tiled shower room (formerly bathroom), lengthy (24'10") garage, garden with good distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £153,750

COSELEY



Cherrywood Close

enhanced & exceptionally ally heated & uPVC DOUBLE ently situated within walking distance of rail station, tog Ill the amenities in Roseville and comprising porch, resc fitted cloakroom, separate dining room, lounge with through to a UPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY, ki various integrated appliances, store. Three bedrooms wardrobes), reappointed bathroom with stylish white GARAGE and additional parking space, delightful sec garden. SEDOLEY OFFICE 1990 288088 with all the am hall, fitted clo

Offers in the region of £147,950

UPPER GORNAL



IN UPWAHU CHAIN. A conscientiously maintained & improved, Freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed, Three Bedroom Defached (with original garden) having good distant views, and briefly comprising; hallway, cloaks cupboard, transverse lounge, breakfast kitchen, integral grange sub-divided to form storeom & separate lober. To the Lengthy 'low maintenance' rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 1992 880888

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PENSNETT



43 The Plantation

A MODERN MUCKLOW SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE, which is delightfully placed within this small sought after development, REQUIRING UPDATING and providing much development, REQUIRING UPDATING and providing much case CENITRAL HEATING, part UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, entrance porch, reception hall, LARGE LOUNGE, separate diring room, kitchen, THREE LARGE BEDROOMS, esparate diring room, kitchen, THREE LARGE BEDROOMS, esparate diring room, rear garden with private near aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01394 40.77 private 127.4.0.6.0.

Price: £134,950



A stylish, significantly EXTENDED & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached family home. The superb accommodation includes; imposing reception hall, lounge with bay, store, study, extended 22'7" "hub of the house" dining kitchen with a fine range of units with integrated appliances & patio doors, utility room. To the first floor are two double & one single bedrooms, reappointed shower room with a white suite, and there is a sizeable second floor loft conversion providing a double bedroom with a bathroom en suite. Professionally landscaped "Japanese theme" gardens, block paved parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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Lawnswood Road, Thornleigh

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WOODSETTON



Oakfield Avenue, Bramford Estate

An attractive, ENLANGED, Freehold, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated semi detached in short/quiet cul de sac requiring a little sympathetic updating. Accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with "living fame" feature fireplace & a bay, etiting room, kitchen, 'wet/shower room. Three bedrooms, bathroom, outer store, neat garden. SEOGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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potential garage space OFFICE 01902 880888

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Lauder Close, Northway

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Offers in the region of £111,000

GORNAL WOOD



Flavells Lane

A distinctive & highly individual, freehold, uPVC double lazed & gas centrally heated double fronted cottage of haracter with further potential. Enjoying good distant riews from the front, the property is set well back from he lane [pedestrian access only) and comprises entrance oroch, dining room, central hallway, lounge with patio loors, kitchen, bathroom, THREE BEDROOMS, garden leasigned for 'low maintenance'. No Parking. SEDGLEY PFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £105.000

LOWER GORNAL



Wood Road

Vendors advise NO UPWARD CH4IN. A conscientiously maintained & ENLARGED, Freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular district. The accommodation includes; entrance hallway, lounge, transverse dining kitchen (with double French doors out to garden), store. THREE BEDROWING shower room with white suite, boarded loft. Off road parking of mount, and sized rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 102:25:8088

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Ebenezer Street

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A significantly MODERNISED & much enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC DUBILE GLAZED intermediate terrace in a convenient/established district. Stylish accommodation includes lounge, dinling room, upgraded kitchen. To the first floor are double & single bedrooms together with reappointed bathroom with white/shower. Town 1990 880888 (decking) garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 1990 880888.

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A first floor two bedroom flat briefly comprising of lounge, kitchen, bathroom and rear garden.

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Wheatsheaf Road, Tividale



A semi detached three bedroom property comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom and front and rear gardens.

Jockey Fields, Dudley



A first floor two bedroom maisonette comprising lounge/diner, kitchen, bathroom and garden.

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Mercedes AMG has lost 170 kilos in weight but Americans won't care

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US lagging behind EU to embrace diesel fuel

THE NEW York International Auto Show is one of the smaller global motor shows, dwarfed at present by the Geneva and Frankfurt leviathans, but it's always a good reminder of what life is like on the other side of the pond/fence.

If, as the saying goes, the grass is always greener over

there, how does 32mpg for a compact SUV sound? Pretty awful by European standards, I'll warrant, and the one thing that was clear among all the new launches is that the American market still refuses to take to diesels.

Despite some abysmal fuel economy claims by our standards, there's just no willingness to plump for the potential 15-20mpg more, even though American drivers are feeling the squeeze of fuel prices almost as keenly as we Brits are.
Relatively speaking, of course.
The New York show showcases the solutions that manu-

facturers have to offer in place of diesels: solutions we don't need in Europe because diesels are cheaper and easier to sell

Hybrid

Take the Volkswagen Jetta hybrid. Since to the Americans the idea of a 1.6 TDI under the bonnet is about as welcome as a flatulent dog in a crowded lift, VW has combined the 148bhp 1.4 turbo petrol that we know and love in Europe with a 27-horsepower electric motor to increase fuel

Prices haven't been confirmed but it's a safe bet that it'll e an awful lot more expensive than the aforementioned iesel would be.

Likewise Ford, which has developed a fully electric (and

Likewise Ford, which has developed a fully electric (and undoubtedly pricey) Focus to allow North American customers to continue to dodge diesel.

All this apparently pointless development does, however, is to provide companies with a second channel of progress that covers another base should circumstances change in one market or another.

If we decide we've had enough of the price of diesel and fleak in our william to noted.

flock in our millions to petrol, to hybrids or to electric models, car manufacturers have got the products ready and

Another key point any casual observer couldn't fail to notice during a wander around the show is that the cars don't seem to be getting any smaller.

that it's generally very impressive) but few brands selling to the American market seem to be taking downsizing and downweighting very seriously.

Thirsty

Thirsty

In Europe we're seeing innovations such as Ford's fabulous 1.0-litre Ecoboost petrol engine, and while thoroughly impressive moves like chopping 170kg out of the Mercedes SL65 AMG will make it to America by default, the car models made solely or chiefly for the US market are still relatively huge and often use big, thirsty V6s at least.

The overriding feeling in the industry, looking at the latest offerings in the American market compared to the best that Europe has, is that no one is doing more to develop

clean cars than Europe.

That's partially down to the EU government placing legally binding efficiency targets on carmakers, but it's also down to the public's willingness to pay for the new technology, which always comes at a price.

But there are signs that the gas-guzzling era in the US

might be past its peak.

With even American manufacturers shuffling towards electrification and getting rave reviews – take a bow, Chevrolet Volt – we could be on the verge of seeing an unparalleled level of global investment in future fuels technology Watch this space.



Volkswagen's Jetta Hybrid

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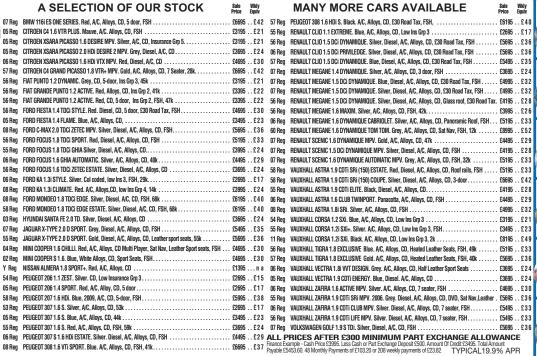














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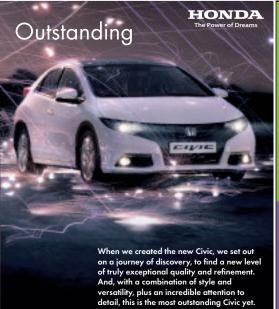
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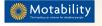


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Vauxhall take fresh approach to Meriva

and it has been a very successful small vehicle with over 100,000 being sold in the

However, it was getting a bit old and it needed a makeover and thankfully Vauxhall didn't go down the road of let's just tweak the headlamps, or put new door handles on, no they have created a completely new and very stylish looking vehicle. When you look at the vehicle, the front has the cor-

have created a completely n rehicle. When you look at the porate look that says I am a Vauxhall, but the biggest change without doubt is when you look at the side profile, Vauxhall have taken the rather brave step of equipping the Meriva with what they describe as flex-doors. Flex-doors basically are doors that are hinged backwards which then swing open towards the rear of the car at an angle of almost 90 degrees, this makes this vehicle almost a must for people with young children or mobility issues that need to utilise the rear of the car. The doors cannot be opened by the occupants whilst the Meriva is travelling at more than two mph. The concept itself is nothing new but it does promote afmily and need vehicles that have ease of access for children and child seats.

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The designers have really worked overtime inside the vehicle, there is a completely new approach to the centre console and a variety of storage and comfort solutions are incorporated. I do like vehicles that have lots and lots of nooks and crannies to secrete the bits and pieces that we seem to have to take with us on our journey

The rear seats can be folded down to increase the amount of luggage capacity and also the flex-space system allows for the movement of rear seats to create a little bit of head or shoulder room. The boot also has a secret compartment, the floor of the boot can be lifted and you can store items away

tioor of the boot can be litted and you can store items away from prying eyes. There is a choice of engine configurations for the Meriva with several petrols and diesels as options, the petrols are going to be based primarily on 1 4-litre and dieseis as options, the petrols are going to be based primarily on 1.4-litre engines and the diesels will be a variety either of 1.3 or 1.7-litres. The engineers at Vauxhall are still striving to get their CO2 emissions down and it is going to be some time before they are down in to the realms of the CO2 emissions which qualify for free or very low road tax, but they are working very hard to achieve this.

My Meriva was equipped with a 1.4-litre turbo charged engine with a capacity of 1364cc, and produced 140 bbp, sufficient Vauxhall suggest of a top speed of 122 mph and a 0 – 60 in marginally over 10 seconds.



The five-speed gearbox The five-speed gearbox was quite a notchy easy to use configuration. I did find however that the vehicle could be lethargic in fourth and fifth gears and if an overtake was necessary it was essential to get that engine and more importantly the turbo spinning to give you the get up and go that you need.

The vehicles are well

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the get up and go that you need.

The vehicles are well equipped, although on my model Vauxhall had taken the trouble to spend £855 on a satellite navigation system and if it was my money I wouldn't bother. I found my own £100 Tom Tom was far more efficient and try as I would with the sat nay in the Vauxhall I couldn't get it to accept postcodes and a trip in to a Shropshire hamlet proved very difficult with the on-board system but a doddle with the Tom-tom. Standard features on my

doddle with the Tom-tom.

Standard features on my
vehicle included electric
front windows which was a
surprise, as the rear flexi
doors have good old fashioned wind-up windows.

An absolute plethora of air

An absolute plethora of air bags are incorporated and Yauxhall have enabled an air bag deactivation switch so you can safely put a child seat on the front passenger seat. I am not too convinced that an electronic parking brake is necessary on a vehicle of this type but you get used to it.

From a driving perspective the vehicle is a little higher than normal so it does give you an extra bit of visibility, but nothing too dramatic. It was a comfortable, predictable vehicle to drive,

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matic. It was a comfortable, predictable vehicle to drive, nothing too exciting but you don't expect that from this type of vehicle. It does everything that you require from a saloon to transport the family about.

Pricing structures for the Meriva vary from £13,000 up to a hefty £22,000, my 1.4-litre turbo was priced at £19,740, the extras fitted took it over £21,000 and the fuel figures quoted for the engine was a not too exciting 42.2 mpg on the combined figure. CO2 is quoted at 156 and that puts it sadly in to the £155 excise duty, and that is a shame.

As with all new Vauxhalls it is eligible for the company's Lifetime 100,000 miles warranty.



The Meriva features handy flex-door rear access





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SPORT

Five-goal blitz keeps Athletic on title track

Gornal Athletic 5 Cradley Tn 1

IAN ROWE'S men went to
the top of the league with a
resounding victory over a
Cradley Town side that
came to Garden Walk
expecting three points.

Unfortunately for them,
dominant Gornal were just
too strong in all areas.

Gornal now require four
points from their remaining
three games to secure the
West Midland Premier
League title.

three games to secure the West Midland Premier League title. An early Richard Young shot caught out Cradley keeper Matthew Jones and bounced off the crossbar. Three minutes later Gornal took the lead when Calum Martin headed in as he collided with the keeper. On 20 minutes, a Lee Wherton through ball beat the defence, and Young had the easy task of scoring. Cradley's only goal came five minutes later from a Matthew Bailey penalty following a foul by Pete Wood. Five minutes before the break, Young scored his second from 20 yards. In the final 20 minutes substitute Seb Craven and Matt Martin headed goals and Marvin Nisbett got the fifth. Cradley's miserable afternoon was completed with Ross Evans' red card for his challenge on Craven. Chris Waterhouse's penalty was saved.

Travelling fans see away win

Kirby Muxloe 1 Tipton Town 3

TIPTON put on a coach for their final Saturday away Midland Alliance game and the fans were rewarded with a win.

a win.
Tipton had the best of a goalless first half in which Nathen Waite hit the bar and was denied what looked like a certain penalty.

Kirby keeper Tom
Holyoak also saved well
from Waite while Dave Bate
had a goalbound shot
blocked by a defender.
Kirby wordst Tister out

Kirby caught Tipton out with an early second-half

with an early second-half goal from leading scorer Stuart Verrall.

But Tipton fired back through Leigh Downing who hit home from seven yards and then Waite smashed home. Downing added the third – and the supporters traveled home delighted.

Heathens facing hectic month of May

DUDLEY Heathens face a hectic month of action in May as they look to kick-start their season.

Will Pottinger's men will have six fixtures – and a further six in June – as their 2012 campaign gets into full swing following a series of

postponements.

The National Shield decider with Mildenhall, cancelled after freak hailstorms, has been reset for May 29.

for May 29.

The former Cradley club are next in action on Saturday, May 5, when they go to Stoke in the Staffs Cup second leg – another rearranged fixture. That signals the

start of three meetings in four days as the Heathens head to Buxton in their Knockout Cup first leg on the Sunday with the return at Monmore on Tuesday, May 8.

Pottinger said: "I have a team of riders who want to ride their bikes as much as possible, it's as simple as that.

Rained

"We're enthusiastic and young and the boys hate it when a meeting is rained off, but the whole sport has suffered of late. "We just can't wait to get things

moving, we want to get some momentum into our season and

Dudley Heathens

hopefully that will start next weekend.

"It's not been too bad for Adam Roynon because he's been riding for Coventry and Workington and there have been times when he's raced six days on the trot. Tom Perry has done a few meetings for Somerset as well.

"But the rest of the boys have been left wondering when they will get another meeting and that's frustrating.

"W. had a man and the state of the boys have been left words."

"We had a great build-up to the

new season and then there seems to be nothing for a month." Club chairman Nigel Pearson said both the Heathens and Mildenhall had been disappointed when the plug was pulled on last week's Shield decider at Monmore Green.

Waterskis

He said: "It was unbelievable. The lads wanted to do the meeting – I think they would have raced with waterskis on if they could."

"Their attitude is fantastic and that goes for the Mildenhall lads too. The disappointment on their

celled the meeting was heartbreak-ing; I felt I was letting them down.
"But I was with Jim Lawrence, the referee, and the track was waterlogged after freak hail-

storms.
"The drains were full and we were left with no option.

"It was very isolated; people coming from the Cradley, Dudley, Halesowen and Stourbridge areas were leaving home in sunshine to go to a postponed meeting," he added.
"I ween't good company that

"I wasn't good company that night, I can tell you."

Boatmen sunk by Jackson hat-trick

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Sholing 2 Halesowen 3 HARD-WORKING Marcus Jackson fired a superb hat-trick as Halesowen twice came from behind at

trick as Halesowen twice came from behind at EvoStik Division One South and West outfit Sholing,
Sholing, who had already booked a play-off place, were gifted a ninth-minute opening goal.
A harmless long clearance from goalkeeper Lee Webber caused a misunderstanding as Halesowen central defender Brendan Kelly steered his back header past keeper Paul Evans, allowing Lee Wort to tap into an empty net.
Halesowen settled down to equalise in the 25th minute when Spencer Blackham's flick found Jackson free and he cut in from the right to drill a low, hard shot past Webber.
The Boatmen restored

The Boatmen restored the lead in the 32nd minute

the lead in the 32nd minute when Evans pushed away Barry Mason's shot but Wort squared the rebound for Byron Mason to hook home from 10 yards. In the second half Halesowen provided a fighting finish to claim all three points. Jackson tucked his second goal into the roof of the net to make it 2-2 in the 64th minute and Kelly's

the net to make it 2-2 in the 64th minute and Kelly's 70th-minute low drive was then turned away.

But Jackson had the final word to complete his hat-trick and win the game by stroking home an 85th-minute penalty after home captain Kevin Gibbens handled in the area.

Late strike is decisive

Alvechurch 2 Tividale 3
TTVIDALE snatched a late
Midland Alliance winner at
rain-drenched Lye Meadow.
They dominated the early
exchanges forcing desperate
Alvechurch defending but
on 12 minutes found themselves trailing to Alvechurch's first attack.
Despite being a goal down
to a team that had taken 10
points from the last 12, Tividale continued to enjoy most
possession. They equalised
through a Kyle Hill penalty
and took the lead early in the
second half through Michael and took the lead early in the second half through Michael Woolman. Alvechurch lev-elled in the 77 minute when Andy Nicol's shot took a wicked deflection. In the fifth minute of added time Jason Chilton scored the winner.

DK revenge victory as they run in five tries

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD overwhelmed third-placed South Leicester with a sparkling four-try second-half performance to avenge their

ter with a sparkling four-try second-half performance to avenge their 20-7 loss at Heathbrook in the first game of the season.

The first half was competitive as the visitors faced the elements of wind, hail and rain as well as a fired-up home side. The set-pieces were fairly even, but the DK pack were the masters in the loose forcing a number of turnovers during the game. Determination from both sides made it a tricky game to referee but Claire Hodnett was up for the task.

Player-coach and fly-half Jon Higgins was unwell just before the game so Garaeth Bown took over with Tom Weaver moving to Bown's centre spot and James Jefferson taking his place on the bench.

Bown had an excellent game, leading the line with aplomb and setting up Matt Farrington for the opening try.

Other outstanding por

Farrington to

Other outstanding performances on a good day allround came from forwards
Rich Kelley and Pete Knight
and Jordan Brookes and
Farrington in the backs.

Swiftly

Swiftly
DK trailed after seven
minutes when good handling and passing created a
gap for centre Connor Smith
to force his way through for
a try, converted by fly-half
Mark Lord.
But DK hit back immediately kicking a penalty to

But DK hit back immediately, kicking a penalty to touch and winning the lineout before moving the ball swiftly to Bown.
His short pass to Farrington was taken at speed by the winger, who crossed near the posts. Bown converted to level the scores.
DK were finding it difficult to play their normal game and there were long

minutes when Jon Tideswell was penalised for not releasing then Bown kicked DK 10-7 ahead after the home team were caught offside.

DK had a good chance to score on 38 minutes when a loose SL pass was snapped up by Simon Fletcher, who hacked on towards the line but could not quite take the bobbling ball.

The first half had been a

obbling ball.

The first half had been a stilted, stop-start affair with little flowing rugby but DK, importantly, turned around narrowly ahead.

They increased their lead on 42 minutes. A strong attack days of the strong half of the strong

on 42 minutes. A strong attack down the left, fol-lowed by a powerful break from Stefan Shillingford saw the centre pop up a pass to the onrushing Stefan Thorp, who could not be to the onrushing Stefan Thorp, who could not be stopped from 10m out. Bown converted for a 17-7 lead. DK survived a crucial 10 minutes on the back foot as SL threw everything at

passages of play in midfield as both sides strove hard for dominance.

Lord missed a penalty for South Leicester after 28 minutes when Jon Tideswell was penalised for not releasing then Bown kicked DK. verted try and nudge DK further ahead at 22-7.

The DK attacks were now coming thick and fast. Leicester No 8 Mike March was yellow carded two minutes from time for a blatant offside.

DK had been camped in DK had been camped in home territory for fully 10 minutes and the pressure told after 79 minutes when another big rolling maul from a penalty lineout saw Kelley score a carbon copy second try. Bown converted to make it 29-7 and DK were out of sight.

A fifth try in stonnage

A fifth try in stoppage time rounded off the game.

time rounded off the game.
A huge defensive kick took
DK back into the home 22m
zone where they set up a
sweeping crossfield move to
Farrington who beat several
defenders to run in a superb
try from 40m.



Dudley Kingswinford flanker Ian Langford on the attack against South Leicester





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Dudley Kingswinford get
set for the play-offs

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Kick-man Hickman takes fifth fight title

DUDLEY'S Thomas Hickman took a fifth straight English karate championships title at the Ponds Forge Sports Centre, Sheffield. The 17-year-old from Woodsetton now has five

Woodsetton now has five

The 17-year-old from Woodsetton now has five titles from seven runs in the competition after winning all four contests in last Sunday's annual event.
Hickman saw off old adversary Jerome Brown in the final, winning 4-0 in the fifth clash between the two. It was Hickman's first time at 75kg, but the jump in weight class did little to knock the talented teen out of his stride.

The junior world champion, a 2nd dan black belt, had already registered 8-0 and 9-0 wins before meeting Alex Rigg in the semi-finals. Rigg was brushed aside 8-0 to set up the match with Hickman's England teammate Brown.

Brown fought well, heading off several of Hickman's attacks.

But he could not prevent his opponent taking the crown. Hickman has now won an English title, junior and senior honours at the Porto Open in Portugal and

and senior honours at the Porto Open in Portugal and a gold medal in Sweden.

Sykes sets his sights on victory

STOURBRIDGE rally driver Richard Sykes is aiming for a podium finish at the weekend's Pirelli Challenge. He is looking to main-tain his lead in the BRC

tain his lead in the BRC Challenge championship. The Carlisle rally is the third round of the champi-onship with Sykes and co-driver Simon Taylor having taken a first and second place in the opening two rounds. rounds.

rounds.

Since then extensive work has been undertaken on Sykes' Citroën C2 R2 Max including an engine rebuild.

"The engine was getting near to the end of its life and was down on power," said Sykes.

"Wa'va done a full rebuild."

'We've done a full rebuild

"We ve done a full rebuild on it ready for the Pirelli and we've also done a lot of work to lighten the car. "We're focused on finish-ing the event on the podium to get a good haul of champi-onship points and I will drive within myself to get there

within myself to get there. "Last time I did the Pirelli I was the leading Citroën driver part way through the event but went off the road."

Robins dominant but end the losers

DUDLEY TOWN must have been scratch-ing their heads at the final whistle, losing a West Midlands Premier game they had dom-inated for almost 70 minutes.

Assistant manager Andy Wyton took the reins for the day, but his small squad was hampered further by injuries to midfield duo Alex Perry and Brett McGilligan.

Danny Smith kept his place following an impressive performance against Sporting Khalsa and Craig Beresford returned to the starting XI

starting XI.

Bewdley, with a mammoth fixtures pile-up, had the better of the early exchanges as Dudley had keeper James Trevalen to thank

Bewdley Tn 2 Dudley Tn 1

for keeping the scores level. Twice the former Tividale shot-stopper kept out lively former Redditch United striker Richard Burgess. But on 14 minutes Burgess made the breakthrough, rounding off a neat Bewdley move with a simple finish.

This brought Dudley to life and a longrange shot from Danny Ludlow, well held by Rowdley keeper Parren Staedman, was the

Bewdley keeper Darren Steadman, was the warning shot.

warning shot.

The Robins were level on 33 minutes. A fine passing move between Dreniz Bala and Rion Francis-Mills saw the latter's shot just

creep over the line despite the best efforts of Steadman to claw it clear. The visitors refused to take their foot off

The visitors refused to take their foot off the gas and clever play from Smith saw him chip Steadman only for the ball to slip despairingly wide. Bala should have put his side ahead just before the break, but his final shot after some fine play on the wing from Steve Edmunds went well wide.

Dudley continued to stamp their authority on the game after the break.

Danny Ludlow was an inch away from giving the Robins the lead. A darting run from midfield saw his shot beat Steadman only to rattle the Bewdley post. Francis-

Mills was given a chance, too, but the experience of Steadman came up trumps in a one-on-one duel.

It appeared to be only a matter of time It appeared to be only a matter of time before Dudley grabbed a goal, but a quick break from midfield freed Bewdley's Russell Godfrey, who placed a low powerful shot under Trevalen on 71 minutes.

Dudley did have several chances to draw level and Chris Whittaker connected with a level and Chris Whittaker connected with a level Boll or goal of the before the several chances to 8 minutes only for his

low Bala cross on 88 minutes only for his effort to flash wide of the goal.

The Robins were rounding off a much-improved season with a trip to all-but-rele-gated Bromyard Town on Tuesday.

New injury has Ghent missing **Bingley bill**

COSELEY boxer Tommy Ghent has pulled out of his bout at the New Bingley Hall in Birmingham next month

in Birmingham next month through injury. He was due to compete in a welterweight four-rounder on the Dave Coldwell-promoted bill on May 11.

But the 19-year-old has suffered a small tear to his groin while sparring with show headliner, Birmingham's Nasser Al Harbi.

"Tommy Gun' will not be able to train for the next two months, which has put paid to his fourth professional contest.

contest.

It's the second successive bout he has missed after

picking up an injury – and for a fight at the same venue,

for a fight at the same venue, too. The teenager was ruled out of last month's bill after pulling a muscle in his back during a training session. But Dudley's Rizwan Rasool has been added to the bill in another four-round contest at lightweight. The 30-year-old made his professional debut on the bill at the New Bingley Hall on March 16. Rasool, from Shaun Cooper's gym in Brierley Hill, outpointed Dan Carr in his first competitive fight for over a decade. I'm staying on, insists Moxev

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WOLVES chief executive Jez Moxey has pledged to stay on after the club's relegation from the Premier League was confirmed on Sunday. Moxey bore the brunt of fams' criticism both before and after Sunday's 2-0 home loss to Manchester City made escape impossible. But he declared: "I'm sure I will be at Molineux at the start of next season." He said rumours of a departure to America were untrue.

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HIGGINS HAS HIGH **HOPES FOR FUTURE**

DUDLEY KINGSWINFORD player-coach Jon Higgins has told his side they can lay "foundations" for the club to prosper in Saturday's promotion showdown.

DK will secure back-to-back promotions and go up to the National Division Two North if they can beat Rossendale at

National Division Two North if they can beat Rossendale at Swindon Road.

Higgins' second-placed side from the National League Three Morth in a winner-takes-all battle.

It's a game DK have had one eye on since they secured their spot five weeks ago and, for Higgins and Co, the wait has been the hardest part.

He said: "It's nice it has finally come round and, if you had asked me in September if I would have taken the play-off game, I would have bitten your hand off.

"We have exceeded expectation and, if it's not enough on the day, we will hold our hands up afterwards.

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"I we can continue adding players to that group worth and support of the growth of

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"In all of the big matches we have played, we have tried to play our normal game and not worry about the occasion.
"I am confident the lads will cope with it, I don't think the occasion will get to them.

them.

"These are the games you play for, with big crowds in high pressure situations, it's what it's all about. If we perform to the best of our ability, I don't think we will be too for away on the day" be too far away on the day." The "foundations"

Higgins speaks of are part of his longer-term vision for the club, as he dares to dream of winning the play-

off game.

Both Higgins and fellow coach Pete Knight believe the club can cope with the

jump, such is the momentum they have built.
Since he joined the back-room staff two years ago,
Higgins has seen nothing but success come on the field for his ever-improving side.
He said: "We have got a

He said: "We have got a good group of players who are local boys and want to play for the club.

"If we can continue adding players to that group then, hopefully, this can be a foundation for the club to build on.

"We have certainly got the facilities so there's no

"We have certainly got the facilities, so there's no reason why we can't stay in the league we will go into if we win the play-offs."

DK completed their league fixture list for the season by gaining revenge over South Leicester, one of only three teams to beat them.

That was on the first day.

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That was on the first day of the season last September, but Higgins still enjoyed every bit of DK's 34-7 win.

He said: "We got our revenge. It was a physical game that should set us up sicely for the played from

game that should set us up nicely for the play-off game. "We went into the game looking to keep up the momentum we have created since Christmas."

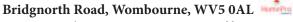


Tom Weaver of Dudley Kingswinford powers through an attempted tackle against South Leiceste



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